

HEMATOLOGY

Referral Guidance Sheet

*I wish to go
on a cruise*

Katya, 8
blood disorder



To qualify for a wish, a child must meet these criteria at the time of referral:

1. Older than 2½ years and under 18 years
2. Has not received a wish from another wish-granting organization
3. Diagnosed with a condition currently placing the child's life in jeopardy

Usually qualifying Hematology conditions:

- Aplastic anemia
- Bone marrow transplant (within one year)
- Hemophagocytic lymphohistiocytosis
- Severe congenital or acquired bleeding disorders with:
 - Hemorrhage in vital organs resulting in significant morbidity (e.g., intracranial hemorrhage with neurodeficits, organ injury requiring intensive supportive care, etc.)
 - High titre hemophilic inhibitors resulting in repeated life-threatening bleeding episodes
- Severe combined immunodeficiency (SCID)
- Stem cell transplant (within one year)
- Severe congenital or acquired blood cell disorders with:
 - Treatment requiring chemotherapy infusions
 - Serious complications resulting from transfusion therapy (e.g., iron overload)
- Sickle cell disease (Hb-SS, Hb-SC) or thalassemia with severe or chronic complications such as:
 - Acute chest syndrome
 - Splenic sequestration
 - Stroke or severe cerebrovascular disease
 - Necessary regular transfusion
 - Pulmonary hypertension
 - Multiple severe pain crises within past year
 - End organ damage requiring additional supportive measures

Other conditions that may be eligible for a wish with complicating comorbidities:

- Complications of immunodeficiency or from immunosuppressive therapy
- Coagulation disorders
- Many other conditions not listed

