

HEMATOLOGY

Referral Guidance Sheet

Katya, 8
blood disorder

I wish to go
on a cruise



DEAR HEMATOLOGY HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL,

Please review the eligibility guidance to help identify children within your department that may qualify for a wish. Thank you for helping us reach our vision of granting every eligible child's wish.

Note: Please refer to the other specialties to learn about other qualifying conditions.

To qualify for a wish, a child must:

- ① Be over the age of 2½ and under the age of 18 at the time of referral
- ② Not have received a wish from another wish-granting organization
- ③ Be diagnosed with a life-threatening condition; i.e. a progressive, degenerative or malignant condition that has placed 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 chemotherapeutic agents
 - 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 transfusions
 - 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 co-morbidities:

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

TO REFER: