

IMMUNOLOGY & INFECTIOUS DISEASE Referral Guidance Sheet



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 Immunology and Infectious disease conditions:

- Bone marrow transplant (within one year of transplant)
- Immunodeficiencies with:
 - o Severe autoimmune complications and/or significantly diminished life expectancy
- Primary immunodeficiencies requiring lifelong treatment
 - o Life expectancy is anticipated to be significantly shortened if the treatment is not available
 - o e.g., Wiskott-Aldrich, Bruton's agammaglobulinemia, chronic granulomatous disease
- Primary immunodeficiency diseases resulting in frequent unplanned hospitalizations where infection is not well controlled
- Severe combined immunodeficiency disease (SCID)
- Status post bone marrow transplant (with ongoing life-threatening complications)

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

- Complications from immunosuppressive therapy
- HIV
- Many other conditions not listed

