

ONCOLOGY

Referral Guidance Sheet



Natalia, 10

brain tumor

I wish to create a soup and feed the homeless

DEAR ONCOLOGY 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 ONCOLOGY CONDITIONS:

- Bone marrow/stem cell transplant (within one year of transplant)
- Low grade tumors with any of the following criteria:
 - Requiring chemotherapy infusions or radiation treatment and referred within one year of completion of the above mentioned treatment
 - Requiring more than one major surgery such as craniotomy
 - Location of tumor requiring ongoing medical intervention (ex: seizures or endocrine deficit; significant functional impairment (ex: paralysis); or other major neurologic impairment)
 - Associated with extensive complications (ex: a lengthy unplanned hospital stay)
- Malignant neoplasm and Neoplasm of unspecified/uncertain behavior
 - Requiring chemotherapy infusions or radiation treatment AND
 - Referred within one year of completion of the above mentioned treatment
- Status post bone marrow/Stem cell transplant (with ongoing life-threatening complications)

Other conditions that may be eligible for a wish with complicating co-morbidities:

- Complications from immunosuppressive therapy
- Many other conditions not listed

TO REFER: