

Medical List



The purpose of the Make-A-Wish Foundation® is to grant the wish of each child who has reached the age of 2 ½ and is under the age of 18 who has a life-threatening medical condition, i.e., a progressive, degenerative or malignant medical condition that has placed the child's life in jeopardy.

- **Life-threatening medical condition**, as defined by the Make-A-Wish Foundation, satisfies one of the following:
 - **Progressive:** worsening in severity over time; or
 - **Degenerative:** of, relating to, causing, or characterized by on-going deterioration of specific tissues or organs with corresponding impairment or loss of function cause by the disease or its treatment; or
 - **Malignant:** virulent; tending to metastasize; cancerous.
- **Qualifying condition:** It is not the disease or condition itself that qualifies the child, but the fact that, at the time of referral, the disease or condition is currently life-threatening as defined above. Chronic medical conditions, mental/psychological disorders, neurobehavioral developmental disorders or other non-life-threatening medical conditions would not qualify for a wish from our Foundation.
- **Medical condition:** This form contains a list of specific medical conditions that typically qualify a child for a wish. Some medical conditions do not typically qualify on their own, but occasionally underlying complications may make them life-threatening. Medical professionals might be asked to provide the Foundation with additional details regarding the specific life-threatening nature of the child's condition.
- **Case-by-case situation:** Medical conditions not included in this list may also qualify a child based on the life-threatening condition as defined above.

At the time of referral, the condition must be clinically apparent.

Infectious and Parasitic Diseases	Diseases of the Circulatory System
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AIDS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pulmonary Heart Disease • Congestive Heart Failure • Primary Cardiomyopathy • Long QT Syndrome • Primary Pulmonary Hypertension
Neoplasms	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cancer (all types) within one year after end of treatment 	
Endocrine, Nutritional & Metabolic Disease & Immunity	Diseases of the Respiratory System
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cystinosis • Glutaric Aciduria • Hunter Syndrome • Hurler Syndrome • Sanfilippo's Syndrome • Severe Combined Immunodeficiency • Wiskott-Aldrich Syndrome 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pulmonary Fibrosis • Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome (ARDS)
	Diseases of the Digestive System
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liver Failure

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Diseases of the Blood & Blood Forming Organs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agranulocytosis • Aplastic Anemia • Fanconi Anemia 	Diseases of the Musculoskeletal System & Connective Tissues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Systemic Sclerosis • Scleroderma
Diseases of the Nervous System <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adrenoleukodystrophy • Anterior Horn Cell Disease • Ataxia Telangiectasia • Duchenne’s Muscular Dystrophy • Gray Matter Disease • Huntington’s Chorea • Leigh Syndrome • Leukodystrophy • Neuronal Ceroid Lipofuscinoses • Rett Syndrome • Spinal Muscular Atrophy 	Diseases of the Genitourinary System <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • End Stage Renal Disease <hr/> External Causes of Injury & Supplemental Classification <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bone Marrow/ Stem Cell Transplant • Solid Organ Transplants within one year after Transplant

If you have any questions regarding your patient’s eligibility, please contact your local Make-A-Wish® chapter.

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