Cardiology 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 younger than 18 years  
2. Has not received a wish from another wish-granting organization  
3. Diagnosed with a critical illness (i.e. a progressive, degenerative or malignant condition) that, despite adherence to the treatment plan, is currently placing the child’s life in jeopardy

Qualifying Cardiology Conditions:

- Complex congenital heart diseases that meet one of the following:
  - Single ventricle
  - Double inlet left ventricle
  - Tricuspid atresia
  - Aortic atresia
  - Mitral atresia
  - Hypoplastic left heart syndrome
- Congenital heart disease requiring a Fontan procedure
- Congestive heart failure
- Heart transplant or placement on the transplant list
- Hypertrophic, restrictive and/or Arrhythmogenic Right Ventricular Cardiomyopathy (ARVC)
- Implanted cardiac defibrillator
- Implanted ventricular assist device
- Left ventricular heart failure
- Long QT syndrome
- Necessary frequent hospitalizations after repair of a congenital heart defect (routine studies requiring hospitalization are not included)
- Placement on the heart transplant list
- Pulmonary hypertension
- Recipient of a heart or heart-lung transplant
- Tetralogy of Fallot with pulmonary atresia and major aortopulmonary collaterals
- Ventricular fibrillation

There are other conditions that may be eligible for a wish when the condition includes life-threatening comorbidities that are currently placing the child’s life in jeopardy. These conditions will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Please include detailed information on these conditions when submitting the Diagnosis Verification Form.

TO REFER: Visit md.wish.org and submit the referral to start the process for your patient. If you have questions about eligibility or the referral process, please contact your local chapter.

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