

Gastroenterology 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 Gastroenterology Conditions:

- Bowel/intestinal transplant
- Chronic progressive liver disease with decompensation
- Hepatopulmonary syndrome
- Inflammatory bowel disease resulting in one of the following complications:
 - Prolonged parenteral support (TPN)
 - Complications resulting from immunosuppressive therapy or surgery
 - Extensive extra-intestinal manifestations

- Liver failure (chronic)
- Liver transplantation
 - Within one year of transplant
 - Having ongoing life-threatening complications
- Familial adenomatous polyposis (FAP) with a history of polyps
- Portal hypertension
- Primary sclerosing cholangitis
- Short bowel syndrome or intestinal failure requiring prolonged parenteral (TPN) support

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.

