



Rheumatology

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 Rheumatology Conditions:

- ✧ Antiphospholipid syndrome with recurrent thrombosis/active disease (not just positive antibody titers)
- ✧ Chronic Infantile Neurological Cutaneous and Articular (CINCA) syndrome
- ✧ Chronic vasculitis:
 - Eosinophilic granulomatosis with polyangiitis
 - Granulomatosis
 - Microscopic polyangiitis
 - Polyangiitis
 - Polyarteritis nodosa
 - Takayasu arteritis
- ✧ Juvenile dermatomyositis with any end-organ involvement, calcinosis or otherwise recalcitrant (greater than one year of treatment or two or more relapses)
- ✧ Mixed connective tissue disease with end-organ involvement
- ✧ Neonatal onset multisystem inflammatory disease (NOMID)
- ✧ Polychondritis resulting in end-organ damage
- ✧ Progressive systemic sclerosis (systemic scleroderma)
- ✧ Severe JRA/JIA with at least one of the following:
 - Referred within 12 months of MAS episode or having continuing MAS issues
 - Resistant to or have failed multiple medications/therapies, and/or out of options or started on therapies not yet approved for pediatrics
 - Significant complications related to immunosuppression/medication or significant end organ involvement
 - Extreme extra articular manifestations despite treatment
 - Multiple unplanned hospitalizations in the past 12 months
- ✧ Systemic lupus erythematosus with:
 - Stage III or greater nephritis (confirmed by inflammatory changes on biopsy)
 - Other severe end-organ complications

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**.