



# Hematology

## Referral Guidance Sheet

*I wish to have  
a quinceañera*


**Jennifer, 15**  
blood disorder



*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 Hematology Conditions:

- ✧ Bone marrow (BMT) or stem cell transplant (SCT)
    - If BMT/SCT occurred under 2.5 years old, the child must have ongoing life-threatening complications
    - If BMT/SCT occurred at 2.5 years or older, the child must be either within 5 years of transplant or having ongoing life-threatening complications
  - ✧ Hemophagocytic lymphohistiocytosis
  - ✧ Severe aplastic anemia
  - ✧ Severe combined immunodeficiency disease (SCID)
    - With active disease or
    - For children who received BMT/SCT, meeting criteria listed for BMT/SCT
  - ✧ Severe congenital or acquired bleeding/blood cell disorders with at least one of the following:
    - Hemorrhage in vital organs resulting in significant morbidity (e.g., intracranial hemorrhage with neurodeficits, organ injury requiring intensive supportive care, etc.)
    - Serious complications resulting from transfusion therapy (e.g., iron overload with end-organ damage)
    - Severe hemophilia with poor response to therapy, resulting in repeated life-threatening bleeding episodes in the past 12 months
  - ✧ Sickle cell disease or beta thalassemia with at least one of the following severe or chronic complications:
    - End-organ damage requiring additional supportive measures
    - History of acute chest syndrome requiring unplanned hospital admission
    - History of splenic sequestration/splenectomy
    - History of stroke or severe cerebrovascular disease
    - Necessary, regular transfusions/transfusion dependent disease
    - Pulmonary hypertension
    - Repeated severe pain crises requiring unplanned hospital admission or ambulatory management
  - ✧ Wiskott-Aldrich syndrome
    - With active disease or
    - For children who received BMT/SCT, meeting criteria listed for BMT/SCT
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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.