Oncology
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 Oncology Conditions:

- Bone marrow (BMT) and 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
- Blood cancers that include one of the following:
  - Required and referred within 12 months of completion of chemotherapy treatment and/or radiation treatment or
  - Including ongoing life-threatening complications
- Malignant neoplasm, or neoplasm of unspecified/uncertain behavior that either
  - Required and referred within 12 months of completion of chemotherapy treatment and/or radiation treatment or
  - Including ongoing life-threatening complications
- Recurrent malignant disease

- Low-grade tumors with any of the following criteria:
  - Associated with extensive complications qualifying under other systems
  - Requiring chemotherapy treatment or radiation treatment and referred within 12 months of completion of such treatment
  - Requiring more than one major surgery, such as craniotomy
  - Significant endocrine deficit
  - Significant functional impairment (such as paralysis or other major neurologic impairment)

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.

Make-A-Wish

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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