

*I wish to see
my best friend*

Dana, 12
respiratory failure

Pulmonary 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 Pulmonary Conditions:

- ☆ Childhood interstitial lung disease from surfactant protein deficiencies with clinical respiratory manifestations
- ☆ Chronic respiratory failure requiring ventilator support – CPAP/BiPAP (excluding OSA)
- ☆ Chronic ventilator dependence
- ☆ Cystic fibrosis (pulmonary) with at least one of the following severe or chronic complications: *
 - Advanced lung disease and/or oxygen dependence
 - Not eligible for or intolerant to modulator therapy
 - Nutritional failure despite treatment
 - Repeated exacerbations in the past 12 months
 - Repeated unplanned hospitalizations in the past 12 months
 - Significant CF-related liver disease
 - Significant, recurrent infections
- ☆ Duchenne muscular dystrophy
- ☆ History of lung transplant, or actively listed for lung transplant
- ☆ Moderate to severe lung disease secondary to chemotherapy and/or radiation treatment
- ☆ Other muscular dystrophies with progressive loss of motor function in children who are symptomatic and currently experiencing respiratory or cardiac complications (e.g., myotonic muscular dystrophy)
- ☆ Progressive interstitial lung disease associated with immunodeficiency, autoimmune disease, or immune dysregulation
- ☆ Spinal muscular atrophy, types 1 and 2
- ☆ Pulmonary fibrosis
- ☆ Pulmonary hypertension, active on treatment
- ☆ Pulmonary lymphangiectasia
- ☆ Tracheostomy placement for one of the following reasons:
 - For long-term mechanical ventilation without expectation of discontinuation or
 - Respiratory failure requiring ventilator support with CPAP/BiPAP (excluding OSA)

*Cystic Fibrosis conditional qualifiers will be effective on January 1st, 2024.

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.