

Primary Medical Conditions List



The purpose of the Make-A-Wish Foundation® is to grant the wish of each child who has reached the age of 2 ½ and is under the age of 18 who has a life-threatening medical condition, i.e., a progressive, degenerative or malignant medical condition that has placed the child's life in jeopardy.

- **Life-threatening medical condition, as defined by Make-A-Wish, satisfies one of the following:**
 - **Progressive:** worsening in severity over time; or
 - **Degenerative:** of, relating to, causing, or characterized by on-going deterioration of specific tissues or organs with corresponding impairment or loss of function caused by the disease or its treatment; or
 - **Malignant:** tending to metastasize; cancerous.

- **Qualifying condition:** It is not the disease or condition itself that qualifies the child, but the fact that, at the time of referral, the disease or condition is currently life-threatening as defined above. Chronic medical conditions, mental/psychological disorders, neurobehavioral developmental disorders or other non-life-threatening medical conditions would not qualify for a wish from Make-A-Wish.

- **Medical condition:** A list of specific medical conditions that typically qualify a child for a wish may be found on the following page. Some medical conditions do not typically qualify on their own, but occasionally underlying complications may make them life-threatening. Medical professionals might be asked to provide Make-A-Wish with additional details regarding the specific life-threatening nature of the child's condition.

- **Case-by-case situation:** Medical conditions not included in this list may also qualify a child based on the life-threatening condition as defined above.

If you have any questions regarding your patient's eligibility, please contact your local Make-A-Wish® chapter.

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At the time of referral, the condition must be clinically apparent.

Cardiology <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Congestive Heart Failure • Hypoplastic Left Heart • Heart Transplant 	Metabolic Diseases <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sanfilippo's Syndrome
Gastroenterology <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liver Failure • Liver Transplant (within one year of transplant) • Intestinal Transplant 	Musculoskeletal Disorders <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Duchenne's Muscular Dystrophy • Spinal Muscular Atrophy (Anterior Horn Cell Disease)
Hematology/Oncology <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cancer (all types) within one year after end of treatment • Fanconi's Anemia • Bone Marrow/Stem Cell Transplant (within one year of transplant) 	Nephrology <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • End Stage Renal Disease • Kidney Transplant (within one year of transplant)
Immunology <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Severe Combined Immunodeficiency • Wiskott-Aldrich Syndrome • Scleroderma (Systemic Sclerosis) 	Neurology <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leigh Syndrome • Batten Disease (Neuronal Ceroid Lipofuscinoses-Infantile)
Infectious Diseases <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AIDS 	Pulmonology <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cystic Fibrosis, with any respiratory or lung involvement • Lung Transplant