

# **Palliative Care Consultation Triggers**

## **Emergency Department:**

- Patient transferring from Long Term Care
- Identification of medical decision maker
- Allow natural death-DNR/DNI goals of care discussion
- Patient actively dying and considering hospice and/or palliative care
- Palliative care consulted on previous admission
- Multiple admissions to the hospital (two or more within 6 months) with same symptoms
- Patient with advanced disease with frequent infections
- Sudden acute event, such as CVA or MI in the setting of multiple chronic illnesses
- Advanced disease considering Peg tube, enteral feeding or tracheostomy placement
- Disease triggers: Malignant Neoplasm, Aspiration Pneumonia, COPD, Heart Failure, Septicemia, Bone Metastasis, Renal Failure, Hemorrhagic Stroke
- Multiple chronic and co-morbid medical conditions
- Pre-hospital or ED cardiac arrest survivor
- Pre-hospital or ED intubation with multiple medical problems
- Need for ventilator withdrawal
- Clarification of goals of care needed

To request a palliative consult, please call xxx-xxxx