



Inclusion Criteria

(At least one criteria must be met for patient/family member to be eligible)

1) 55 years or older with one or more of the following diagnoses:

a) Chronic obstructive lung disease (defined by at least two of the following:

- i) Baseline PaCO₂ of ≥ 45 torr, cor pulmonale;
- ii) Respiratory failure episode within the preceding year
- iii) Forced expiratory volume in 1 sec ≤ 0.5 L

b) Congestive heart failure

New York Heart Association class IV symptoms and left ventricular ejection fraction $\leq 25\%$.

c) Cirrhosis

Confirmed by imaging studies or documentation of esophageal varices and one of three conditions:

- i) hepatic coma,
- ii) Child's class C liver disease
- iii) Child's class B liver disease with gastrointestinal bleeding

d) Cancer

Metastatic cancer or stage IV lymphoma

e) End-stage dementia

(inability to perform all ADLs, mutism or minimal verbal output secondary to dementia, bed-bound state prior to acute illness)

f) Renal Failure

Defined as chronic renal failure requiring dialysis

OR

2) Any patient 80 years of age or older admitted to hospital from the community because of an acute medical or surgical condition.

OR

3) Any patient 55 to 79 years of age admitted to the hospital, who does not meet the above criteria but in the opinion of a health care team member (Doctor, resident, nurse), he/she would not be surprised if the patient died in 6 months.



The ACCEPT Study

Exclusion Criteria

(If any one of these is met, patient/family member is NOT eligible)

- 1) **Non-English speaking patient/family member**
- 2) **Patient with cognitive impairment**

Respondent Types

Patient only

Family Member only

Patient & Family Member

Screening Data

- All screening activity should be entered online:
<https://ceru.hpcvl.queensu.ca/randomize/>
- Document all enrolled patients/family members
- Document all excluded patients/family members
- Document the reason any patient/family member declines consent

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