

Guidelines for Eligibility Assessments Supporting Information*

Test/ Assessment	Patient types	Order	Who obtains	Minimum Frequency	Comments
Pulse Ox	Cardiac, pulmonary, dementia/ stroke, or anyone using oxygen	No (unless required by state or accreditation body) ACHC does require order.	RN / LPN	Admission and monthly. Weekly for cardiac and pulmonary disease.	Activity (ambulatory 10 – 20 feet if able to tolerate) without oxygen and time takes to recover. If unable to tolerate removal of oxygen, document such.
Weights	All	No	RN/LPN , hospice aides	Admission and monthly. More frequently for symptom management such as fluid retention	Standing scales as possible. Bed scales or WC scales for NF patients only if unable to use standing scale. If using NF weights look for wild swings and if necessary re-weigh or always have the Hospice Aide weigh the patient.
BMI	All	No	Nurses	Admission and monthly	Only if able to have an accurate weight
Mid Arm Circumference	All	No	RN / LPN	Admission and then monthly when patient can no longer be weighed. Monthly always with cardiac disease.	Measure left arm following written guidelines for consistent measurements. (Consider a calf or thigh circumference for those who have minimal body fat or muscle).
Prealbumin	Dementia/stroke or patients with co-morbidity of AFTT or debility	Yes	RN	Admission (if available) and recertification	Only if eligibility in question
BNP level	Cardiac	Yes	RN	Admission (if available) and recertification	Only if eligibility in question
Creatinine	Renal disease or cardiac disease	Yes	RN	Admission (if available) and recertification	Only if eligibility in question
PT/INR	Liver	Yes	RN	Admission (if available) and recertification	Only if eligibility in question
FAST	Alzheimer's (primary or co-morbid)	No	RN	Admission and monthly	
PPS	All	No	RN / LPN	Admission and monthly	
Dependence in ADL	All	No	RN / LPN	Admission and monthly	Document number of ADLs patient needs assistance and the amount of assistance required for each.
NYHA Class	Cardiac	No	RN	Admission and monthly	

*These are guidelines to help in decision-making. They are only some of the data points utilized in helping support eligibility and in some cases for care planning. If a patient is clearly eligible based on other parameters, such as entering the terminal phase, it would not be necessary to complete these. Always consider the patient response to any of these in making a determination to proceed. Always treat the patient's troublesome symptoms regardless of the test "results".

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