

# Make-A-Wish® - Primary Medical Conditions List

The vision of Make-A-Wish America® is to grant the wish of each child, older than 2 ½ years and under the age of 18 years at the time of referral, who has been 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.

The primary medical conditions list is a condensed list of conditions that qualify a child for a wish. There are some conditions that qualify with no complications. These are listed below in blue. Other conditions may qualify when the stated criteria has been met. To review this in more detail and see a comprehensive list of conditions, please review the complete set of referral guidance sheets found on [md.wish.org](https://md.wish.org).

Please note, in some cases it may not be the disease or condition itself that qualifies, but the fact that, at the time of referral, the disease or condition is currently placing the child's life in jeopardy. Other medical conditions may not qualify on their own. However, occasionally the underlying complications and comorbidities together with the primary diagnosis may meet the qualifications. In these cases, your team may be asked to provide Make-A-Wish with additional details regarding the specific nature of the child's condition. Stable chronic medical conditions, mental/psychological disorders, neurobehavioral developmental disorders, or other conditions of this nature do not usually meet the criteria for a wish from Make-A-Wish.

If you have any questions regarding your patient's eligibility, please contact your local Make-A-Wish chapter. Together, we create life-changing wishes for children with critical illnesses.

To find your local chapter, visit [www.wish.org](https://www.wish.org) and click on the "Find Your Local Chapter" link.

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## Cardiology

- Single ventricle
- Double inlet left ventricle
- Aortic, Mitral and/or Tricuspid atresia
- Hypoplastic left heart syndrome
- Congestive heart failure
- Implanted cardiac defibrillator
- Implanted ventricular assist device
- Left ventricular heart failure
- Long QT syndrome
- Heart transplant or actively listed for heart transplant
- Pulmonary hypertension, active on treatment
- Status post Fontan procedure

## Endocrinology

- Multiple endocrine neoplasia syndromes with evidence of cancer
- Thyroid cancer requiring chemotherapy or radiation treatments (excluding radioactive iodine) and referred within 12 months of that treatment
- X-linked adrenoleukodystrophy with adrenal or brain findings

## Gastroenterology

- Bowel (intestine) or liver transplant or actively listed for bowel (intestine) or liver transplant
- FAP with a history of polyps
- Hepatopulmonary syndrome
- Liver failure (chronic)
- Portal hypertension

## Genetics

- Aicardi Goutieres disease
- Alexander disease (symptomatic)
- Barth syndrome
- Hunter, Hurler, or Sanfilippo syndrome (symptomatic)
- Leigh disease with MRI changes
- Lesch-Nyhan syndrome
- Trisomy 13 and 18

## Hematology

- Bone marrow/stem cell transplant (as outlined- see full details)
- Hemophagocytic lymphohistiocytosis
- Severe aplastic anemia
- Severe combined immunodeficiency (SCID) with active disease or meeting BMT/SCT criteria (as outlined in full details)
- Sickle cell disease (as outlined in the full details)

## Immunology & Infectious Disease

- Wiskott-Aldrich syndrome (as outlined in full details)
- Bruton's agammaglobulinemia

## Metabolic Conditions

- Disorder of urea cycle metabolism with a history of a hyperammonemic event occurring after diagnosis

- Gangliosidosis – GM1, symptomatic
- Gaucher disease type 2
- Krabbe disease
- Lesch-Nyhan syndrome
- Maple syrup urine disease with a history of hyperleucemia event occurring after diagnosis
- Metachromatic leukodystrophy, progressive
- Neimann-Pick disease
- Peroxisomal disorders
- Tay-Sachs disease, symptomatic

## Nephrology

- Dialysis dependent renal disease
- Kidney transplant or actively listed for transplant

## Neurology & Neurosurgery

- Alpers disease
- Batten
- Duchenne muscular dystrophy
- Huntington's disease, symptomatic
- Leigh syndrome with MRI changes
- Leukodystrophy, progressive
- Moyamoya disease
- Neuronal brain iron accumulation (NBIA)
- Rett syndrome
- Riley-Day
- SMA, type 1 and type 2

## Oncology

- Bone marrow/stem cell transplant (as outlined- see full details)
- Most oncology diagnoses requiring and referred within 12 months of the completion of chemotherapy and/or radiation treatments

## Pulmonary

- Chronic respiratory failure requiring ongoing ventilator support
- Chronic ventilator dependence
- Cystic fibrosis (as outlined – see full details)
- Lung transplant or actively listed for lung transplant
- Pulmonary fibrosis
- Pulmonary hypertension, active on treatment
- Pulmonary lymphangiectasia

## Rheumatology

- Chronic infantile neurological cutaneous articular (CINCA)
- Neonatal onset multisystem inflammatory disease (NOMID)
- Eosinophilic granulomatosis with polyangiitis
- Granulomatosis
- Microscopic polyangiitis, polyangiitis
- Polyarteritis nodosa
- Takayasu's arteritis
- Progressive systemic sclerosis (systemic scleroderma)

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