

Cardiovascular Disease

Core Indicators for Hospice Care

Of the approximate 1,500 deaths from **cardiovascular disease** in Lake County in 2008, only 130 (9%) were provided with the expert pain management, care, compassion and comprehensive support of hospice care.

Cardiovascular disease is a primary indicator to consider hospice care

According to Medicare guidelines, core indicators of hospice eligibility for cardiovascular disease include:

- CHF symptoms at rest (NYHA class IV)
- Symptomatic despite maximum medical management
- Discomfort with physical activity
- Arrhythmias resistant to treatment
- History of cardiac arrest
- An ejection fraction of 20% or less is helpful, but not required for this category

If your patient exhibits these signs and symptoms, call [Hospice of the Calumet Area](#) or fax a Referral to 219.922.3729.



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