



G31.1 Senile Degeneration of the Brain

#2 on Top 20 Diagnosis for Hospice in 2022
LCD guidelines for 6 month prognoses:

Decline in clinical status

- Infections, recurrent (UTI, pneumonia, sepsis)
- Weight loss not related to diuretics
- Dysphagia – check therapy notes
- Labs:
 - Albumin/protein - low
 - Calcium, creatinine - high
 - Potassium - high

Symptoms

- Dyspnea
- Cough
- Nausea
- Diarrhea
- Pain
- Edema
- Weakness
- Change in cognition

PPS

- Less than 70%

FAST scale

ADLs

- Dependence on assistance of at least 2 ADLs
 - Feeding, ambulation, continence, transfers, bathing, dressing

Increase in hospitalizations, ER visits

