

New York Heart Association (NYHA)

Functional Classification (Class & Description)

I

Patients with cardiac disease, but without resulting limitation of physical activity. Ordinary physical activity does not cause undue fatigue, dyspnea, palpitations or anginal pain.

II

Patients with cardiac disease resulting in slight limitation of physical activity. They are comfortable at rest. Ordinary physical activity results in fatigue, dyspnea, palpitations or anginal pain.

III

Patients with limitations of physical activity. They are comfortable at rest. Less than ordinary physical activity causes fatigue, palpitations, dyspnea or anginal pain.

IV

Patients with cardiac disease resulting in an inability to carry on any physical activity without discomfort. Symptoms of heart failure or of the anginal syndrome may be present even at rest. If any physical activity is undertaken, discomfort is increased.

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- Expertise in pain management and end-of-life care.
- Medical Director services available.
- Registered nurses available around-the-clock.
- Help patients remain at home or other residence of choice.
- Relieve the patient of financial obligations associated with the terminal illness.
- Reinforce your commitment to quality patient care.
- Accept all eligible patients.

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