

HIV Wasting Syndrome

The Social Security Disability listing indicates HIV wasting syndrome, characterized by involuntary weight loss of 10% or more of baseline (or other significant involuntary weight loss) and in the absence of a concurrent illness that could explain the findings, either:

- 1) Chronic diarrhea with two or more loose stools daily lasting 1 month or longer; or
- 2) Chronic weakness and documented fever greater than 38/C (100.4/F) for the majority of 1 month or longer.

HIV wasting syndrome is also described as failure to thrive because patients lose weight, become weaker and are unable to care for themselves.