

Is It Time For Hospice?

Knowing when hospice is right for you

How can hospice help?

Hospice exists to provide *physical, spiritual, and mental* support to *patients, caregivers, and families*. Hospice staff includes physicians, nurses, certified home health aides, social workers, spiritual counselors, and therapists. The hospice team walks with you through this difficult journey; helping, offering support, and providing comfort. Our goal is to help the patient *live with dignity and comfort* for as long as possible.

Can hospice patients receive care at home?

Hospice provides necessary information for the patient to be able to best decide how to spend their time with loved ones. The hospice philosophy is to neither hasten nor prolong death. Rather, hospice facilitates and enables the highest quality of life possible for the patient's remaining days. Hospice allows a patient to *stay in their place of residence* by managing pain and crises that might otherwise result in a trip to the hospital or emergency room.

Can hospice patients keep their primary physician?

If chosen, your physician will remain involved in your care, as the hospice team will include him/her in all changes and updates in the patient's condition. The hospice team also provides a hospice medical director with round-the-clock availability to hospice staff in order to provide medical direction and orders in a crisis situation.

How do I know if hospice is the right choice?

Hospice care is not a decision that is easily made. While your physician can provide a hospice referral based on a diagnosis or physical symptoms, the decision that hospice is the best choice for *your* loved one is personal and unique to *your* situation. Hospice staff are trained in helping patients and families understand the hospice level of care, and are also able to present other care options when hospice is *not* the best choice at the time.

If you are still unsure whether hospice care is right for *you* or if you want to find out what *other* care options may be available, please do not hesitate to call.

Patient care is our priority, and we are humbled and honored to be able to help provide that for patients and their loved ones.



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