

How do I know if hospice care is right for me?

The hospice conversation can be difficult, but it can lead you or your loved one receive the best care possible in your preferred setting during end of life.

We help you and your family reclaim your days together and enjoy the best quality of life – however long that may be.

Every patient receiving hospice has access to a registered nurse, medical director, social worker, hospice aide, chaplain, and volunteers – known as the interdisciplinary team. The hospice team will work with you and your family to create a plan of care that will outline the actions and goals for your hospice care.

All visits are based on you and your family's needs in the care plan and your medical condition during the course of the illness. Hospice care is available "on call" after the administrative office has closed, seven days a week, 24 hours a day. Hospices are required to have nurses available to respond to a call for help within minutes, if necessary.

Usually, care is ready to begin within a day or two of a referral. However, in urgent situations, service may begin sooner. Services can be provided to a person who has a life-limiting illness wherever that person lives.

Consider hospice if you or a loved one are facing any of the following:

- A terminal condition that is life-limiting
- Increasing respiratory decline, oxygen-dependent
- Weight loss of 10 percent or more in six months
- Significant decline in overall health due to multiple problems
- Discontinuing any aggressive treatments
- Recurrent infections/frequent hospitalization in last six months

Contact your local provider today for more information.
