9 signs it may be time to consider hospice

Many families wait to call hospice until the final days and weeks of their loved one's life. But if the patient is eligible, they can receive specialized care, medications, medical equipment and supplies related to the terminal illness months earlier. So how do you know when it's time for hospice?

- 1 Treatment is no longer working and/or they no longer desire aggressive intervention.
- 2 Their symptoms are getting harder to manage.
- 3 They're visiting the doctor or hospital more frequently.
- 4 They need a lot more help than they used to.

- 5 They often seem confused or restless.
- 6 They're less able to communicate.
- 7 They don't have much appetite or are losing weight for no apparent reason.
- 8 They sleep much of the time.
- 9 Their caregiver is feeling stressed or overwhelmed.

In collaboration with a patient's own physician and our dedicated Hospice Medical Director, we focus on each patient's quality of life.

**Our goal is simple:** We strive to keep our patients as comfortable and as pain-free as possible while providing expert medical care, pain and symptom management, and emotional and spiritual support. Not only for our patients, but also for their family and loved ones. We provide stability, compassion and comfort when and where it's needed most.



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