

Hospice can do many things like controlling pain, and reducing anxiety during this time.

The focus is on living longer, in comfort and dignity.

Most services are covered by Medicare, Medicaid and private insurance but there may be out-of-pocket costs. You can not be refused based on your ability to pay.

Hospice is optional. You can be on hospice care for as long as you qualify. You can also cancel at any time for any reason.

Your oncology team has information about how hospice can help you and your family.

“I want to say goodbye to everyone I love, have one last look at the ocean, listen to some music, and go.”

“I want to be peaceful, pain-free, with nothing left unsaid.”

“I want to be surrounded by my family, in my home.”

WHAT MATTERS TO YOU?

Deciding if Hospice is Right for You





The goal of hospice is to make your quality of life better in the final months, weeks, and days.



WHAT IS HOSPICE?

While you are on hospice you continue to receive the highest quality medical care. You will receive emotional, psychological, and spiritual support. Your family will have access to caregiving support and spiritual support. Hospice care is usually provided at your home, or at the home of a family member, or the home of a friend. Hospice emphasizes care, comfort, and support instead of treatments like chemotherapy and radiation for someone who is nearing the end of life's journey.

There is so much to consider.

Hospice can give you peace of mind to focus on the things that are most important to you.



IS HOSPICE RIGHT FOR ME AND MY FAMILY?

Deciding if hospice is right for you and your family is not easy. It's not unusual for families to feel strong emotions during this time. You might feel like you're not ready to talk about the possibility of needing hospice with your family members. You may be feeling conflicted, uncertain and frustrated. You may be struggling with feeling worried, overwhelmed, and fearful.

But maybe feeling uncertain about the future has started to bother you. You might be feeling like you no longer want to worry all the time. You may be wondering what it might be like to start planning for the future.