

SELF-REFERRAL TO HOSPICE

WHO CAN MAKE A REFERRAL TO HOSPICE?

You do not need a referral for hospice from a doctor. Anyone, whether it is a family member, a friend, a member of the clergy, or a doctor, can refer someone to hospice.

HOW CAN WE MAKE A REFERRAL TO HOSPICE?

Call the hospice of your choice to discuss your condition or your loved one's condition. You can call more than one hospice to get more information about what fits you and your family. When you call the hospice, ask to speak to the intake nurse. Ask if they accept your insurance.

WHAT ARE SOME OTHER WAYS TO GET A REFERRAL TO HOSPICE?

If you would rather not call the hospice directly, you have other options. You can talk to your primary care doctor. You can also talk to the social worker or another person in your doctor's office with whom you feel comfortable.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

The hospice will schedule a time and place to meet you and talk about the services they provide. The meeting can be in your home, the hospital, a care facility or a nearby public place like a coffee shop or library. There should be no charge for hospice information visits. The hospice may have a hospice admission form for you to fill out. They may also speak with your doctor to make the necessary plans.

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

