

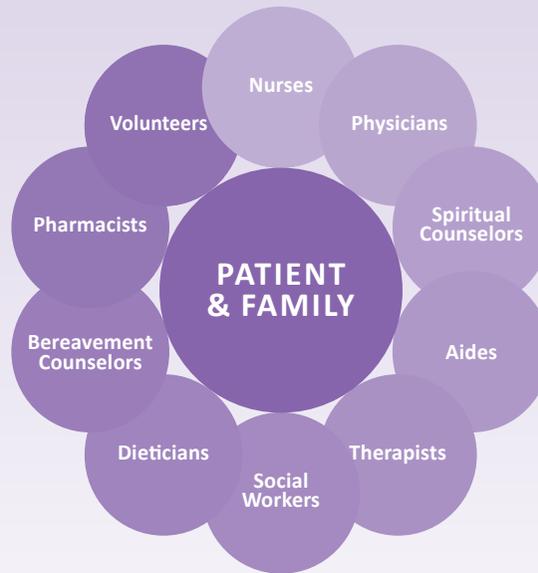
# Fast Facts

- Your physician and healthcare team can help you decide if hospice is right for you.
- Once you enroll in hospice, you can still maintain contact with your oncology care team.
- Hospice will provide care for pain and symptom management.
- Hospice will help you and your family along the way in making decisions related to your care.
- Support services are available to you and your family or caregivers.
- Medicare, Medicaid and most private insurances cover hospice.

Studies show patients live longer in hospice and have a higher quality of life.



CARE IS PROVIDED BY  
AN EXPERIENCED TEAM OF  
PROFESSIONALS AND VOLUNTEERS,  
AND MAY INCLUDE:



Hospice is comfort care and compassionate support for individuals who are experiencing a life-limiting illness and terminal diagnosis.

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Questions  
you may have about  
**HOSPICE**





## CHOOSING HOSPICE

### HOW DO I KNOW THAT HOSPICE IS RIGHT FOR ME?

If you have been told that you have a life-limiting illness by your physician, hospice care is an option for you.

### WHAT IS HOSPICE AND WHAT DOES THE HOSPICE TEAM DO?

- Hospice is comfort care and compassionate support for individuals facing a terminal diagnosis
- Hospice supports the person and their support team
- Hospice works to ensure that the person's emotional and physical needs are met
- Hospice allows the person to face the diagnosis with dignity

### HOW DO I CHOOSE ONE HOSPICE IF THERE ARE SEVERAL HOSPICES AVAILABLE TO CARE FOR ME?

- Set up a free informational session at any hospice
- Look at [medicare.gov/hospicecompare](https://www.medicare.gov/hospicecompare) to search hospice agencies near you
- Discuss with your physician and healthcare team

## HOSPICE CARE

### WHERE CAN I RECEIVE HOSPICE?

- Home
- Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF)
- Assisted Living Facility (ALF)
- Adult Foster Care (AFC)
- Hospice House
- Anywhere you live

### HOW OFTEN WILL HOSPICE SEE ME ONCE I AM THEIR PATIENT AND HOW PERSONALIZED IS MY CARE?

All hospices will personalize and visit you based on your needs. All hospice patients will have access to a physician, nurse, social worker, spiritual care, hospice aides and volunteers.

Staff are available for emergencies and questions 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

### CAN I STOP HOSPICE?

You may stop hospice at any time and re-enroll if and when you are ready.

## ADDITIONAL SERVICES

### ARE THERE OTHER SERVICES THAT ARE AVAILABLE TO ME?

Some hospices may offer massage, music, pet or art therapy. Ask about available services.

### WHAT ARE SOME THINGS HOSPICE VOLUNTEERS DO?

Volunteers are friendly visitors who can provide companionship and support.

### WHAT IF MY CAREGIVER NEEDS A "BREAK"?

If your caregiver needs a break in providing day-to-day care for you, speak to your hospice team. The team can discuss options and schedule a service that meets your family's/your needs.

### ARE BEREAVEMENT SERVICES AVAILABLE?

Bereavement services are available, including individual and group grief support, counseling, and other services.