

Indicators for hospice care

Is one of your patients facing terminal diagnosis? Hospice and palliative care in the privacy of their home might be the answer.

With hospice and palliative care, our skilled team of clinicians, support staff, and volunteers can help your patients make the most of their final days in the comfort of their own home. At the end of life, most people want to stay at home, surrounded by family and friends and with symptoms and pain under control.

And hospice encompasses more than just pain management and providing physical comfort. Hospice also offers emotional and spiritual support to patients and their families. It helps the patient and their loved ones come to terms with and understand what is happening as a person is dying.

By focusing on the individual, not just the illness, hospice care honors life's final journey, leaving a legacy of compassion and caring. If your patient needs hospice or palliative care, we can help.

Consider a hospice consultation if a patient presents any of the following:

- Patient has a terminal condition that is life-limiting
- Increasing respiratory decline, O₂ dependent
- Patient has optimal treatment, but continues to exacerbate
- Weight loss of 10 percent or more in six months; Albumin < 2.5
- Ejection fraction of 20 percent or less
- Significant decline in overall health due to multiple problems
- Patient is choosing to discontinue any aggressive treatments
- Recurrent infections/frequent hospitalization in last six months

If the answer is “yes” to any of the above indicators, the patient may be a candidate for a hospice consultation.

Contact your local provider today for more information.
