



Myths About Hospice

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I have to wait for my doctor to refer me to hospice.	You can reach out to Vivie anytime. If you're wondering whether hospice might be the right next step, give us a call. One of our nurses will listen, answer your questions, and—if it seems like a good fit—connect with your doctor to handle the necessary referrals.
Hospice is a place.	Hospice happens wherever you call home. Whether you're in a private home, assisted living, or a nursing residence, we bring care to you. Hospice isn't a place—it's a way of caring that surrounds you with comfort, wherever you are.
Hospice is too expensive.	For those who qualify, Medicare covers 100% of hospice-related services—like nursing care, medications, medical equipment, and supplies. Most private insurance plans and Medicaid also provide coverage. We're here to help make sense of the options and support you through the process.
Hospice is only for the very end.	Hospice can begin earlier—and it should. Early support means better symptom control, more time with your care team, and more opportunity to focus on what matters most. People can remain on hospice as long as it's medically appropriate, even beyond six months.
I'll have to change doctors if I choose hospice.	You can keep the doctor you know and trust—they will work closely with your Vivie hospice team. And if your doctor isn't available, our hospice medical director can step in to guide your care with the same compassion and expertise.
Hospice is only for people with cancer.	Hospice is for anyone with a life-limiting illness. We care for people with a wide range of conditions, including Alzheimer's, heart disease, COPD, kidney and liver disease, stroke, and more. In fact, most people on hospice today are living with something other than cancer.

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Hospice means giving up hope.	Hospice helps you hold onto what matters most. Hope doesn't disappear with a diagnosis. It simply changes. Maybe it's the hope to be pain-free, to reconnect with a loved one, or to enjoy each day with comfort and dignity. Whatever your goals are, we'll help you live them fully.
Hospice patients are denied food and water.	We support comfort—never withholding care. You or your loved one can eat and drink as much—or as little—as you'd like. As the body changes near end of life, it's natural for hunger and thirst to fade. We'll always honor your wishes and support comfort in every moment.

Here to support you when you need it.

Thinking about hospice can be overwhelming, and we're here to support you through this tender and important time. If you have questions or need support, you can reach out to us 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

