



Signs That a Loved One May Be Ready For Hospice

Hospice care directly involves the patient, family, physician and any loved ones who may serve as caregivers. We don't replace your doctors; we work with them to ensure you are receiving the best care possible – we simply combine our team of experts with your existing team.

1. Repeated hospitalizations or trips to the ER
2. Failure to "bounce back" after medical set-backs occur
3. Experienced one or more life-threatening infections during the past six months
4. Unintentional weight loss and/or decreased food intake
5. Difficulty swallowing
6. Increased assistance needed for walking, eating, bathing, dressing and/or going to the toilet
7. An increase in pain, nausea, breathing distress or other symptoms
8. Decreased alertness - patient is emotionally withdrawn, sleeping more or having increased difficulty with comprehension
9. Caregiver finds it more and more difficult to take care of the loved one
10. Medical professional has given the patient a prognosis of six months or less

