



# Is Hospice the Answer?

## 10 Easy-to-Read Signs of Hospice Eligibility

Medical literature continues to provide evidence that hospice care makes a significant and positive impact for patients and their families. **Pain and symptom management, hospitalization rate, patient and family satisfaction** and even **life expectancy** improve when individuals receive the services of an interdisciplinary hospice team.

How do you determine if or when hospice care might be needed for you or a loved one? If you can answer yes to four or more of the questions below, you or a family member may be eligible.

HAVE YOU OR A LOVED ONE:	YES	NO
1. Been hospitalized or taken to the emergency room several times in the past 6 months?.....	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
2. Been calling his or her physician more frequently?.....	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
3. Started taking medication to help ease physical pain?.....	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
4. Started spending a large portion of the day in a chair or bed?.....	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
5. Taken a fall more than once over the past 6 months?.....	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
6. Started feeling weaker or more tired on a regular basis?.....	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
7. Experienced significant weight loss where clothes appear looser?.....	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
8. Started needing assistance with bathing, dressing, eating, getting out of bed or walking?....	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
9. Experienced shortness of breath, even while resting?.....	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
10. Been informed by a physician that life expectancy is limited? .....	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**Our hospice specialists are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to answer all your questions and help assess you or a family member for hospice eligibility.**

