

# Hospice Myth vs. Fact

Myth: If it's time for hospice, my doctor will talk to me about it.



Fact: Many doctors wait for the patient to bring up hospice, leading to late enrollment. Families and patients often wish they'd enrolled in hospice earlier.

Myth: Enrolling in hospice means giving up on living.



Fact: Enrolling in hospice is choosing to focus on quality of life and focused care. People enrolled in hospice actually live, on average, 29 days longer.

Myth: To get hospice care, I will have to leave my home or an inpatient facility and give up my primary care doctor.



Fact: Hospice is an idea not a place, it can be provided in the home or facility. 70% of hospice patients receive hospice services in their own home.

Myth: Hospice Care is just for people with a cancer diagnosis.



Fact: Hospice serves people of any age dealing with any life-limiting illness, and is not specific to those with a cancer diagnosis.

Myth: Hospice care is expensive and my family won't be able to afford it.



Fact: Hospice is often available at little or no cost to the patient. Hospice is a covered benefit under Medicare, Medicaid, and many private insurance companies.



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