

Every day, family members make decisions about what is best for their loved ones. If you are facing some difficult decisions about end-of-life care, Hospice of Hope might be the answer. Here are seven simple questions that will help you decide if it is time for hospice.

1 Needing more help in at least three of the following areas: bathing, getting in and out of bed, dressing, bowel/bladder control, eating, ability to walk without help to the bathroom?

Yes No

2 Needing frequent medical care such as more trips to the hospital, more visits/calls to the doctor's office, etc.?

Yes No

3 Experiencing any unpleasant symptoms like pain, nausea/vomiting, shortness of breath, fear, anxiety, loneliness, etc.?

Yes No

4 Spending more time in bed or a chair?

Yes No

5 Being told by a doctor that life expectancy is limited?

Yes No

6 Talking about making comfort and quality of life the most important focus of care?

Yes No

7 Experiencing complications like pneumonia, urinary infections, anemia, shortness of breath, falls, etc.?

Yes No

If you have answered yes to more than two of these questions, perhaps it's time to contact Hospice of Hope for a free assessment. A phone call to our hospice office at **(800) 928-4848** begins the process. A hospice team member will consult with the Attending Physician, patient and family to determine eligibility for hospice care. Referrals may be made by anyone, including the patient, family, health care facility or a physician.