



COMMON MYTHS ABOUT HOSPICE

Myth	Truth
Hospice is only for the last few days or weeks of life.	The length of life can't be predetermined. If medically qualified, hospice care can last for months to years. Unfortunately, many wait to ask about hospice until there are only days or weeks left to live, missing out on several months of care, comfort, and quality time.
I forgo other medical care when I'm on hospice.	A person can continue to receive treatment for illnesses and conditions that are unrelated to the qualifying hospice diagnosis.
Hospice hastens death.	Data shows the opposite. Hospice care doesn't aim to quicken death, and it doesn't treat incurable diseases. That being said, studies show those on hospice live longer than those not on hospice care.
Once I'm on hospice, I'm stuck.	You can stop hospice at any time without penalty, and can re-enroll if medically eligible.