

MYTH
HOSPICE IS WHERE YOU GO WHEN THERE IS NOTHING MORE A DOCTOR CAN DO.

REALITY
Hospice is care designed for patients with a life-limiting illness. Hospice is not where you go to die. Rather hospice professionals are trained to assist patients in living their lives fully, completely, and without pain until the end of their lives.

MYTH
I WON'T BE ABLE TO AFFORD HOSPICE CARE

REALITY
We can assist you in navigating your financial responsibility.

MYTH
HOSPICE PROVIDES IN-HOME COMPANION CARE 24 HOURS A DAY, 7 DAYS A WEEK.

REALITY
Hospice programs do not provide round the clock companion services. However, our team is available for scheduled visits and accessible by phone 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

MYTH
I MUST SIGN A DNR (DO NOT RESUSCITATE) TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR HOSPICE CARE.

REALITY
Sovereign Hospice does not require a DNR in order to be eligible for hospice care.

MYTH
HOSPICE IS ONLY RECOMMENDED FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE IN THE LAST FEW DAYS OF LIFE.

REALITY
Hospice care can be a great help to you and your family as you face life-limiting illness, and can begin months before the end of life.

MYTH
I CANNOT CONTINUE TO SEE MY PERSONAL DOCTOR.

REALITY
As Sovereign Hospice coordinates your care with your physician, you may continue to see your own personal doctor

MYTH
HOSPICE IS JUST FOR PEOPLE WITH END-STAGE CANCER

REALITY
Hospice is open to anyone with a serious health problem including Alzheimer's, heart failure, kidney failure, stroke, cancer and other life-limiting illnesses.

MYTH
IF I AM IN A NURSING HOME, I CANNOT RECEIVE HOSPICE CARE

REALITY
Sovereign Hospice does offer care to patients in nursing homes through contracts with those nursing homes.

MYTH
IF I CHOOSE HOSPICE, I CANNOT BE ADMITTED TO THE HOSPITAL.

REALITY
If at any time after entering hospice care your symptoms cannot be managed at home, we can arrange hospital or admission to an Inpatient Unit.

MYTH
IF MY LOVED ONE DOES NOT HAVE ARTIFICIAL HYDRATION OR, HE OR SHE WILL STARVE.

REALITY
Not eating and drinking is a natural part of the dying process. Dehydration is not painful and may help relieve some symptoms such as pain and anxiety



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Common Misconceptions
About Hospice Care