

MYTHS VS. FACTS ABOUT HOSPICE AND PALLIATIVE MEDICINE

Myth #1: Hospice is a place like a nursing home.

Fact: It's not a place. It's a way of caring.

Compassionate care for those with a life-limiting illness that happens wherever the person calls home. If you are not sure if it's time for hospice care, consider having an evaluation by a palliative care specialist from Chesapeake Supportive Care.

Myth #2: Hospice replaces family caregiving.

Fact: Nothing is taken away from family. Instead, hospice supports the family.

Assistance from a nurse, nursing assistant, social worker, physician, chaplain and volunteers is provided to the family to care for someone with a chronic or life-limiting illness.

Myth #3 Hospice makes the person die faster and takes away their medical care.

Fact: There's no giving up on the person's medical care. The focus changes from curing to providing dignity, comfort and quality of life.

Instead of focusing on curing the disease or illness, we focus on treating symptoms and prioritize care to what matters most to the individual and their family.



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