

# HOSPICE GAPS TRUE OR FALSE



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Hospice is a valuable service and can be a blessing for many who utilize it. It's critically important to understand what hospice does and doesn't provide, the limitations of hospice care, and the alternative options available.

**"I CAN STILL HAVE TREATMENTS LIKE BLOOD TRANSFUSIONS"**

**FALSE - NO CURATIVE TREATMENTS**

Blood transfusions, chemotherapy, radiation, or anything done to cure, or even palliate, your condition is typically not allowed under traditional hospice care. Although you will receive additional support, you give up any "curative" treatments when enrolled in hospice. This gap surprises many.



**"I CAN STILL SEE MY PRIMARY DOCTORS AND SPECIALISTS"**

**FALSE - THAT RELATIONSHIP ENDS**

While there are exceptions, most primary care doctors and specialists are too busy to oversee hospice care, and are not proficient at it. You may see a hospice doctor but it's unusual for most hospices to provide doctors to care for/support patients and families. Nurses deliver the majority of clinical care.



**"I CAN STILL GET PHYSICAL THERAPY"**

**FALSE - LIMITED THERAPIES PROVIDED**

Hospice care comes with strict guidelines and limitations and typically does not cover therapies aimed at helping people improve, or even stay at current functional levels. Many people are surprised to find that most of the helpful alternative therapies are rarely available as covered services.



**"I CAN STILL TAKE THE SAME MEDICATIONS"**

**FALSE - IT'S NOT IN THE BUDGET**

This is another big surprise to many. People often learn that once on hospice, some of the medications they'd been receiving will not be covered by hospice. They are frequently considered too costly to provide. Hospice is a wonderful service but before you commit, know the gaps.



**"SOMEONE FROM HOSPICE WILL BE WITH ME WHEN I DIE"**

**FALSE - THINK AGAIN**

This is the time when many people feel most let down by hospice; it's just not part of the typical care provided. Most hospice care does not provide support in the final moments of life, creating an enormous gap in care during this critical time of need.



**"PERSONALIZED, OPTIMIZED, END-OF-LIFE CARE IS AFFORDABLE"**

**TRUE - AND WE'LL SHOW YOU HOW**

If you want comfort, dignity and choice, and whether you are enrolled in hospice or not, we are here to help. We are an affordable alternative, or enhancement, to hospice care. Our only goal is to optimize your quality of life and reduce your struggle.



Schedule a complimentary phone consultation to understand all of your hospice considerations and options.

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