

The Hospice Timeline

1. Referral

Hospice starts when you and your doctor agree to a request or 'referral' for care when curative treatment is no longer an option. We contact you within 2 hours to talk about your concerns and goals.



2. Admission

We arrange for a nurse visit on the day of admission. We assess your individual needs to include medical equipment, supplies and medications and develop an individualized plan of care. You and your doctor are always part of key decisions.



Patients and family can end hospice and return to curative care at any time.

Referral and admission typically occur within 24-48 hours.



3. Continuing care

- Available 24/7, holidays & weekends
- Nursing Support
- Caregiver education and support
- Volunteers

- Personal care support
- Expert pain management
- Medical equipment related to diagnosis
- Focus on quality of life

4. Final days

Comforting support, including vigil volunteers, at the end of life. Help for loved ones with appropriate notifications and final arrangements.

5. Grief support

Loved ones receive bereavement care, grief support resources, education and follow-up for at least 13 months.