

The Smarter Choice for Care



**Middlesex
Health**

Hospice Program

WHAT IS HOSPICE?

Hospice care is end-of-life care. It may be a good choice if you or a loved one decides to no longer try to cure your illness. Hospice focuses on the comfort and quality of the time remaining. Nurses, social workers, home health aides, therapists, chaplains, trained volunteers, doctors and bereavement counselors work together to support you and your family.

Most often, hospice care is delivered in your home. Team members come to your house, apartment, nursing home or assisted living facility. Support is also provided to your family during this stressful time and during the bereavement process.



WHY CHOOSE HOSPICE?

People choose hospice when the burden of receiving curative treatment is greater than the benefit, or when treatment has been exhausted. People coming to the end of life know the importance of time. Hospice helps make the most of that time.

For more information, call **860-358-5700**, or visit **MiddlesexHealth.org/Hospice**.

HOSPICE CARE

Quality of Life and Person-Centereed Care

WHO CAN HAVE HOSPICE?

People who qualify for Medicare Part A or Medicaid can have hospice when their doctor thinks they could have six months or less to live. Many commercial insurances follow similar guidelines.

WHEN IS THE BEST TIME TO CONSIDER HOSPICE?

It is never too soon to learn about hospice. If your health is declining, you need to know about your choices for care, so that you make the right choice at the right time. Don't worry that you ask about hospice "too soon." The more you know, the easier the decision will be at the right time.

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