



HOSPICE Guidelines



WHEN IS IT TIME TO THINK ABOUT HOSPICE?

PATIENTS OR FAMILIES CALL MORE WITH QUESTIONS REGARDING CARE.

WHEN THERE IS AN INCREASE IN EXISTING SYMPTOMS.

THE PATIENT HAS HAD TWO OR MORE HOSPITALIZATIONS WITHIN
THE LAST YEAR DUE TO CHRONIC ILLNESS.

WHEN YOUR PATIENT IS DIAGNOSED WITH A LIFE LIMITING ILLNESS.

WHEN PATIENTS OR FAMILIES APPEAR TO BE TRANSITIONING FROM
CURATIVE CARE TO COMFORT CARE.

WHEN FAMILIES ARE NO LONGER ABLE TO CARE FOR END STAGE PATIENTS.

WHEN YOU NOTICE A SUDDEN WORSENING OF YOUR PATIENT'S
CONDITION OR LOSS OF ABILITIES.

Would you be surprised by this patient's
death within the next six months?



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