

How Soon is “Too Soon for Hospice?”

Often we hear the phrase, “It’s too soon for hospice.”
Consider the following questions:

Yes No

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Is it too soon for the pain and symptom management hospice can provide so that a patient is comfortable? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Is it too soon for an exhausted caregiver to receive help with the physical care of a loved one? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Is it too soon for emotional support for the patient and family? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Is it too soon for RN access 24 hours a day, 7 days a week? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Is it too soon to discuss patient and family wishes and goals? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Is it too soon for the family budget to receive a break on medications, equipment and supplies so that out of pocket expenses are decreased? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Is it too soon for closure ? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Is it too soon for access to resources such as social workers, chaplains, volunteers and other end of life specialists? |

Considering that:

- Almost one third of all patients admitted to hospice die within 7 days AND
- Most families will miss out on the full benefit of our bereavement services if they haven’t been given time to establish a trusting relationship with our staff AND
- Many families respond that their loved one was referred to hospice too late...

It is our responsibility to help you answer the question...

Is It Really Too Soon for Hospice?

**Please call us if you have questions
or need more information.**

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