

What you should discuss with the **HOSPICE TEAM**

There are a number of things that should be addressed early on- preferably during the first week

Treatment Preferences

- › Have you decided against being resuscitated, is a DNR order in the chart?
- › Have Advance Directive & POLST forms been filled out? If no, discuss with hospice team. ([Click here for Advance Directive samples and POLST samples](#))
- › Are there circumstances where you would want to leave hospice care and be admitted to the hospital?
- › Would want some medical treatment such as antibiotics?
- › Desire for non medical supportive care such as music, art therapy, meditation? Access to support groups?
- › Emphasis on pain with maximizing of comfort?
- › Less pain control with maximizing alertness?
- › Other questions or concerns?

Beliefs and Values

- › It is important and helpful for your hospice team to understand their belief system- are they religious, actively participate in religious practices? What importance does faith or belief have in their life?

- › Do they have any spiritual or existential concerns, such as needing closure with certain family members, desire to document your feelings and thoughts?
- › Your hospice can provide spiritual counselors/chaplains.
- › Other questions or concerns?
- › The hospice team has Chaplains and Social Workers trained to discuss difficult topics.

Symptoms you should discuss with the **Hospice Team**

- › **Shortness of Breath** - when does it occur and how severe
- › **Pain** - Where is it, how often, and how severe ([Click here for how to assess pain severity](#))
- › **Anxiety, Depression**

There are medications for these symptoms that will be provided by the hospice team