

WHY NOW

Hospice can provide the most appropriate care at this stage of dementia

- It is likely that your loved one has been living with the effects of dementia for a number of years
- Admission to hospice with dementia usually means that another illness has significantly impacted health. Additional illnesses such as recent hospitalization for infection (sepsis) often accelerate the pace of decline in patients with dementia

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Being largely bed bound



Increasing loss of ability to sit up, hold head up



Increasing inability to speak more than a few words

- While it may seem that the dementia has not significantly worsened, it is important to understand that patients with dementia are in a weakened state and are less able to handle additional illnesses, even seemingly minor ones
- Each additional illness, hospitalization, can significantly worsen overall health and increase the possibility of dying

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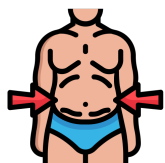


Incontinent of stool and urine



Loss of ability to smile

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Some degree of weight loss