



Hospice care focuses on the patient's goals of care and quality of life.



Warning flags that someone may be hospice eligible:

- Not improving after a fall or health decline even with intervention or therapy
- Needing more assistance with activities of daily living like walking, dressing or bathing
- More dependence on supportive devices
- Multiple hospitalizations or ER visits
- Unintentional weight loss
- Decreased appetite or swallowing issues
- Decreased stamina
- Increased or new onset of incontinence
- Recurrent infections (UTI or respiratory)
- Decreased communication
- Increased disorientation or confusion
- ▶ Withdrawal from family and friends
- New wounds or wounds that do not heal

