

Myths & Facts

Debunking major myths and misconceptions about hospice care.



VNAcare is a non-profit hospice agency which provides a comprehensive team of medical professionals to support individuals and their families by helping them focus on living life as fully as possible.

MYTH

Hospice is for patients who have given up and are close to death.



FACT

Hospice is about living - sometimes patients improve and are discharged from hospice.

MYTH

Hospice is a place the patient must go to in order to receive the services.



FACT

Hospice care is provided wherever the patient calls home, including inpatient care facilities.

MYTH

The hospice patient must die within six months or lose coverage.



FACT

The hospice benefit does not expire and the patient can remain on hospice after six months as long as the patient qualifies for hospice.

MYTH

Hospice uses morphine, which causes the patient to die sooner.



FACT

Hospice uses morphine and other pain medications to keep the patient comfortable. It does not speed up death.

MYTH

Hospice is expensive and will cost the patient and family a fortune.



FACT

Hospice is completely covered by Medicare, Medi-Cal, VA and most insurance companies.

MYTH

It is difficult to get a person on hospice care.



FACT

It only takes one phone call, and we take care of everything else:

- The nurse will evaluate the patient, develop a plan of care and the hospice team will immediately begin care.
- Medications are ordered and sent to the home.
- All necessary medical equipment is ordered and delivered to the patient.



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