

# THE HOSPICE JOURNEY

Individualized Care, Wherever You Call Home

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## CONSIDERING HOSPICE ?

- Chronic conditions that need ongoing care
- Frequent falls, hospitalizations, and/or ER visits
- Need for comfort care and pain management
- Terminal illness diagnosis

## TALK TO YOUR PHYSICIAN

- Is hospice right for me or my loved one?
- Discuss your needs and goals for care
- Referral from Physician (required)

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## PATIENT EVALUATION / START OF CARE

- Hospice nurse visits where you call home
- Physical exam and medication management
- Develop an individualized care plan

## MEET THE CARE TEAM

- Hospice Nurse\*
- Social Work\*
- Spiritual Care\*
- Certified Home Health Aide\*

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### IN-HOME HOSPICE CARE

- Person-centered care / Quality of life focused
- Medical equipment and supply management
- Medication support and delivery to home
- Wound care
- Mind, body, spirit approach
- Complimentary visits may include: volunteer companionship\*, music therapy\*\*, pet therapy\*\*

### CAREGIVER SUPPORT

- Caregiver Guide
- Caregiver support group
- Community resource referrals
- Emotional and spiritual support
- Assistance in navigating challenges
- Funeral planning guidance with social worker

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### END-OF-LIFE

- In-home pronouncement
- Bereavement support for family
- Support calls from VNAHG
- Spiritual care support for funeral arrangements, funerals, and memorial services