

# Is it Time to Talk about Hospice?

Every year, people in Rockingham County die as a result of long-term, chronic illnesses without specialized medical care and comprehensive emotional and spiritual support offered through Hospice of Rockingham County.

Does your patient have a diagnosis of:

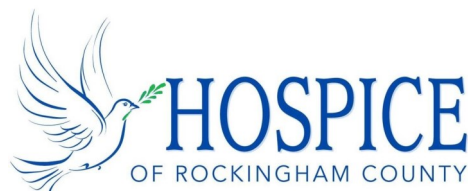
- Cancer
- ALS
- End-stage Alzheimer's disease
- End-stage heart disease
- End-stage liver disease
- End-stage pulmonary disease
- End-stage renal disease

Has your patient ...

1. Been hospitalized or visited the ER frequently in the past six months?
2. Begun to call your office more frequently?
3. Started requiring medication(s) to lessen physical pain and symptoms?
4. Begun spending most of their day in bed or a chair?
5. Had multiple falls over the past six months?
6. Begun requiring assistance with dressing, bathing, walking, eating, or getting out of bed?
7. Reported feeling weaker or more fatigued?
8. Experienced progressive, unintentional weight loss?
9. Reported shortness of breath at rest?
10. Expressed their desire to stop treatment(s) for their disease (e.g. chemo, radiation, dialysis)?

If you answered "yes" to two or more questions above, it may be time to talk to your patient and/or their caregiver about the advantages of hospice care for those with a life-limiting illness.

**For a hospice consult or to make a referral, call Hospice of Rockingham County  
at 336-427-9022 or 336-427-9028 after hours  
[www.hospiceofrockinghamcounty.com](http://www.hospiceofrockinghamcounty.com)**



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