

Hospice Myth vs. Fact



Myths	Facts
Hospice is giving up.	Hospice is taking charge. The gift of hospice is that it allows you to carry out your wishes and live to the fullest at the end of life.
Hospice is a place.	Hospice care is delivered wherever the patient resides. About 92% of HSM patients receive care at home.
Hospice hastens death.	Studies have shown that early referral to hospice can actually improve life expectancy.
Hospice is only for the last weeks of life.	Hospice care can begin when the patient has a prognosis of 6 months or less to live, and can continue even if the patient lives longer than 6 months.
Hospice care is expensive.	Most hospice patients are over 65 and are entitled to the Medicare Hospice Benefit. Because HSM is a nonprofit, we are able to accept all qualified patients over the age of 18 regardless of their ability to pay.
Hospice care only helps the patient.	Hospice care includes support for loved ones, including emotional support, respite, and counseling before <i>and</i> after the death.