

Hospice ... What Should I Ask?

Questions when looking for a life-centered hospice

1. How do you determine what is palliative and what is curative?
2. Do you accept clients on oxygen? Do you pay for it?
3. Do you accept clients on fluids? Do you pay for it?
4. Do you accept clients on feeding tubes? Do you pay for it? What is your procedure for infection around the feeding tube site?
5. How do you determine the correct dosages of pain medications? What non-pharmacological interventions do you employ to treat pain?
6. How do you employ morphine? What has been your experience with it?
7. Do you employ palliative sedation? If so, when?
8. Do you employ palliative chemo? If so, when?
9. Who decides when to discontinue a treatment? What input is given by hospice staff, my family, my agent?
10. Can I keep my primary doctor? How does your medical director work and communicate with my primary?
11. What is your policy regarding physician-assisted suicide? If you don't have one, why not?

Jesus says ...

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

Matthew 11:28-30

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