

DO YOU KNOW WHAT HOSPICE IS?

TEST YOURSELF AND FIND OUT!

Read the statements in each row. Place a <input type="checkbox"/> in the column you think is the correct answer	True	False	Not sure
Hospice does not try to cure people.			
Hospice is made up of a team that provides special care and support for people who are seriously ill or dying and their family members.			
Members of the hospice team include doctor, nurse, social worker, chaplain, home health aid and volunteers.			
Hospice staff teach family members how to care for someone who is dying.			
Hospice also is concerned that family members get all the support they need to assist in caring for their loved one who is seriously ill or dying.			
Hospice team members meet with the patient and family. Together they decide what services are needed and how to provide the best care. Example: how often the nurse will visit, does the patient want a volunteer or chaplain to visit?			
Hospice doctors and nurses are experts in knowing how to manage pain.			
Most people receive hospice care at home.			
When it is not possible for a patient to live at home, hospice will go to nursing homes, hospitals or other places where the patient is living.			
Volunteers are a very important part of hospice. They help the family with practical chores. Example: visiting, grocery shopping, transportation to doctor appointments and staying with a patient while family members take a break. (Called respite care.)			
Hospice provides equipment and supplies that are needed to care for a patient at home. Example: special bed, wheelchair, pain medication.			
The Medicare Hospice Benefit pays all hospice expenses for people who are on Medicare.			
Most health insurance and managed care plans also cover hospice costs.			
Hospice staff help family members understand what to expect and what they will see happen when a person gets closer to dying.			
Hospice stays in contact with family members for one year after the death of a loved to provide grief counseling if family members want it.			