

## When is the best time to call hospice?



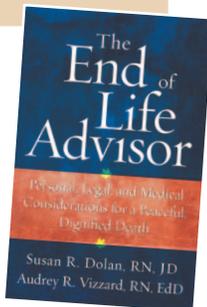
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In addition to helping private clients, healthcare professionals and care facilities, Susan speaks for groups and large fund raising events and publishes a popular blog at Huffington Post.

If you're asking this question, the best time to call hospice is NOW because of three reasons:

1. The #1 complaint on hospice satisfaction surveys is "I wish I had called hospice sooner."
2. All hospices offer free consultations, and
3. When we educate ourselves about all of our healthcare options, including hospice, we make the best decisions for ourselves.

Hospice helps care for terminally ill patients and their loved ones by focusing on dignity, quality of life, aggressively managing pain and uncomfortable symptoms and addressing emotional and spiritual needs. Medicare, Medicaid and most private insurance companies pay for hospice. The hospice team includes nurses, social workers, personal care aides, chaplains and doctors.

If we have a bad skin rash, we would see a skin specialist/dermatologist.

If we have severe headaches, we would see a neurologist, a specialist.

If we have a broken wrist, we would want to see the best doctor possible—an orthopedic surgeon who specializes in wrists.

When a loved one is diagnosed with a terminal illness, hospice professionals are the experts in end-of-life care. Nobody does it better. Hospice can make the unbearable seem bearable and bring HOPE to what seems like a hopeless situation.

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