



A guided checklist

Choosing a hospice provider

Choosing a hospice provider involves many factors and considerations. We've provided a checklist that can be used as a tool to help evaluate hospice providers. Print this out and take it with you to discuss end-of-life care options with your physician.



Scan here to learn more about choosing a high-quality hospice provider for yourself or your loved one. Consider the following as you compare and evaluate hospice providers.

Checklist:		My notes:
\bigcirc	Will the hospice provider work well with the patient's primary care physician (PCP)?	
\bigcirc	Are you within the provider's geographic service area?	
\bigcirc	In what settings do they provide services; home, dedicated facilities, assisted living facilities, nursing homes, hospitals?	
\bigcirc	During your initial inquiry, was the staff helpful and caring?	
\bigcirc	Does the staff address all of your questions adequately?	
\bigcirc	How quickly could the hospice services begin?	
\bigcirc	What responsibilities would the provider fulfill?	
\bigcirc	How does the provider define comfort care? Are certain treatments automatically excluded?	
\bigcirc	If the patient requires expensive therapies or devices to manage pain and other symptoms, will these be available?	

Please remember this checklist is not meant to be complete and binding but merely a good starting point.