

# Should I admit or consult hospice?

Identify hospice-eligible patients in the ED + improve outcomes



VITAS® Healthcare offers a structured pathway to transition hospice-eligible patients from the Emergency Department to an appropriate secondary site of care or where the patient calls home.

## Consider the following guidelines:

- ✓ Prognosis of six months or less.
- ✓ Declining functional status as determined by either:
  - Palliative Performance Scale rating of  $\leq 50\%$ -60%
  - Dependence in three of six activities of daily living
- ✓ Observable and documented deterioration in overall clinical condition in the past 6 months, with at least one of the following:
  - Three or more hospitalizations or ED visits
  - Decrease in tolerance to physical activity
  - Decrease in cognitive ability
- ✓ Other comorbid conditions

Refer a patient or get information:

Call 800.93.VITAS or visit [VITAS.com/Referrals](https://www.vitas.com/Referrals)

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