

## Let's start talking about hospice care

### Live each day as fully as possible!

It is time to call us if you are noticing any of the following, in those with a life-limiting illness:

- *Illness with a life expectancy of 6 months or less*
- *Recent weight loss/decreasing BMI/decreased appetite*
- *Recurrent infections*
- *Increase in or frequent ER visits and/or hospitalizations*
- *Patient elects for no further aggressive treatments*
- *Complications and/or failure to respond to treatment*
- *Increase in agitation, irritability and/or confusion*
- *Newly diagnosed symptoms and diseases*
- *Recent/increased falls*
- *Increased progression of dependence or assistance (ambulation, toileting, etc.)*
- *New or worsening wounds*
- *Uncontrolled pain*
- *Depression, anxiety and/or lack of interest in activities*
- *Difficulty swallowing*
- *Poorly controlled symptoms*
- *Worsening lab/diagnostic results*
- *Exacerbation of previously diagnosed diseases*
- *Increase in shortness of breath or oxygen usage*
- *Lethargy*
- *Loss of will to live or withdrawal*

**THE CARE TEAM** is available to our patients, families and partners 24/7/365.  
Contact your local team today: **231-421-8033**