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## Four Myths About Palliative and Hospice Care

Do you know the differences between palliative and hospice care? Although these two types of care are similar, they also differ in many ways. Find answers to common myths about palliative and hospice care.

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### Palliative care

**Focuses on improving quality of life for people with serious illnesses and their care partners.**



**Myth:** When I begin palliative care, I can no longer receive treatment for my disease.

**Fact:** Palliative care can be provided along with curative treatment.




**Myth:** I can no longer see my primary doctor when I start palliative care.

**Fact:** Palliative care teams work with primary doctors.


### Hospice care

**Focuses on the care, comfort, and quality of life of a person with a serious illness who is approaching the end of life.**



**Myth:** In hospice care, I can't receive any treatments.

**Fact:** People may receive medications to help manage symptoms but not treatments to help cure their illness.



**Myth:** Hospice care is only provided in a hospital or hospice facility.

**Fact:** It can be provided at home, in a hospital or nursing home, or in a separate hospice center.

Learn more about palliative and hospice care at: [www.nia.nih.gov/palliative-hospice-care](http://www.nia.nih.gov/palliative-hospice-care).



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