

Learn the Facts About Hospice Care

THE TRUTH BEHIND MYTHS AND MISCONCEPTIONS

- 1** ***Myth:** Hospice means giving up hope.*
REALITY: Tabitha Hospice provides hope through pain management and support, so individuals can live their final months in comfort and according to their wishes.
- 2** ***Myth:** A physician must bring up the option of hospice.*
REALITY: Clients and family are encouraged to discuss hospice care freely with family, doctors and care providers at any time.
- 3** ***Myth:** Hospice is only for individuals with cancer.*
REALITY: Hospice care can be provided for many life-limiting conditions, including cancer, Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), dementia and Parkinson's disease.
- 4** ***Myth:** It is best to involve hospice when the client is imminently dying.*
REALITY: To receive the full benefit of hospice, it is imperative to use the service as close to the six-month prognosis as possible, although care is not limited to just six months.
- 5** ***Myth:** Hospice care is delivered only in the home.*
REALITY: Tabitha Hospice services are provided **WHEREVER** the client calls home, including independent, assisted or long-term care communities or a dedicated hospice house.
- 6** ***Myth:** Hospice care is only available for those who have Medicare.*
REALITY: Medicare Part A benefits, Medicaid (based on income requirements), private insurance and private pay are all payment options for this service.
- 7** ***Myth:** Someone must be with a hospice client at all times.*
REALITY: Alternatives to a constant caregiver may be telephone calls or increased visits by Tabitha Hospice team members and volunteers.
- 8** ***Myth:** In order to reduce pain levels in a hospice client, the individual will be lethargic and confused.*
REALITY: When correctly administered, most pain medicines do not produce unacceptable mental clouding or sedation.
- 9** ***Myth:** Hospice clients must have a "do not resuscitate" (DNR) order.*
REALITY: Clients are not required to sign DNR papers to receive Tabitha Hospice.
- 10** ***Myth:** Hospice care ends at time of death.*
REALITY: Tabitha Hospice provides bereavement services for all loved ones for 18 months following hospice care.



Tabitha Hospice puts people first with purpose in mind, informing them of the available care options and answering questions.

Our team approach combining expert medical care and emotional and spiritual support gives families peace of mind knowing their loved one will receive exceptional care.

Tabitha provides a comprehensive hospice program, including:

- 24/7 availability for consultation and urgent visits
- Coordination of medication, medical equipment and supplies
- Personal care needs and companionship provided by hospice aides and volunteers
- Personalized Veteran services
- Emotional and spiritual support from a team of social workers and chaplains
- Full continuum of care for ease of transition between services
- Bereavement services for all loved ones during and after hospice care, including supportive grief groups and reference materials

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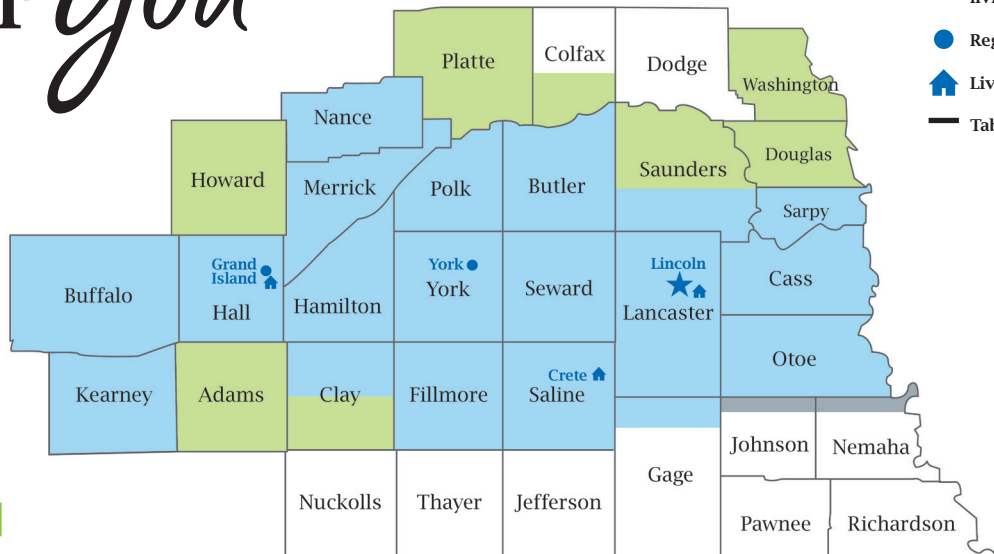
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