



Lutheran
Family Service

For Nothing is Impossible with God

What Should I Ask?

Looking for a Life-Centered Hospice

Questions to Ask:

1. How do you determine what is palliative, and what is curative?
2. Do you accept client's on oxygen? Do you pay for it?
3. Do you accept clients on fluids? Do you pay for it?
4. Do you accept clients on feeding tubes? Do you pay for it? What is your procedure for infection around feeding tube site?
5. How do you determine the correct dosages of pain medications? What non-pharmacological interventions do you employ to treat pain?
6. How do you employ morphine? What has been your experience with it?
7. Do you employ palliative sedation? If so, when?
8. Do you employ palliative chemo? If so, when?
9. Who decides when to discontinue a treatment? What input is given by hospice staff, my family, my agent?
10. Can I keep my primary doctor? How does your medical director work and communicate with my primary?
11. Does your hospice have a policy regarding physician assisted suicide? What is it?/Why not?

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