



# Medication adjustments can help patients feel better and more comfortable.

## Starting hospice services may feel like a huge change in your medical care.

Our goal in making a change to your medications is to relieve your symptoms. Together we will formulate a plan of care that meets your specific need.

On admission and at regular intervals, we review all the medications you are taking and the reason you are taking them. A review of your plan of care is done with your physician and our Hospice of Cincinnati physician.

- We will continue to keep you on the medicines that are working to provide symptom relief and comfort.
- We may also prescribe different medications to control new symptoms.

Often, it becomes difficult to swallow pills, especially when you don't feel like eating. We will make every effort to find the form of medicine that is most comfortable for you. For instance, it may be easier to take a medication in liquid form rather than a pill.

Sometimes a medicine that was once helpful may not be needed now. Often medications are no longer acting as intended. We may recommend stopping medications that are:

- No longer effective or necessary
- Could result in negative side effects
- Interact with new medications you are taking.

Please know that your comfort is our primary concern. It is important that we work together to ensure your hospice experience and the care you receive are the very best.

If you have any questions about your medications, the reasons you are taking them, or the reason we would like to stop them, please let us know. We are happy to talk with you and answer all of your questions.

## Questions or concerns?

Call a hospice nurse at 513-891-7700.



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