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Question:

If my patient has 6 months or less to live, but is reluctant to discuss hospice, what can I do?



Answer:

The Visiting Nurse Association of the Inland Counties can talk to your patient about palliative care or home health services.

Palliative care is focused on the control of symptoms. Skilled services are provided by trained staff specializing in pain and symptom management.

Home health services are provided for short term convalescence from illness or injury. Most people prefer to receive medical care in the comfort of their own home. A plan of care, including assessment, direct care and patient/caregiver education is closely coordinated with the patient's attending physician.

For more information about palliative care or home health services, please contact Toni Kisgen, Director of Business Development, at (951) 413-1215, or fax this completed form to (951) 413-1323.

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