

**Mayo Clinic Medical Edge**

**Choosing a Hospice**

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<b>Intro with music</b>	GIVING YOU THE EDGE ON HEALTHY LIVING, HERE'S MAYO CLINIC MEDICAL EDGE.
	FOR PATIENTS AND FAMILIES ALIKE, IT CAN BE A HARD TRANSITION. FOCUSING ON COMFORT RATHER THAN A CURE. THAT'S WHAT HOSPICE CARE IS ALL ABOUT. CARE CAN BE PROVIDED IN AN IN-PATIENT SETTING MUCH LIKE A HOSPITAL...
<b>Tom Fitch, M.D.</b> <b>Track 2 (2:45)</b>	"BUT MOST OFTEN HOSPICE CARE IS OCCURRING AT HOME AND THAT'S OFTEN THE GOAL OF THE FAMILIES. SO THE CARE GIVING FALLS PREDOMINANTLY ON FAMILY AND FRIENDS."
	MAYO CLINIC DR. TOM FITCH SAYS

	<p>ALL HOSPICE PROVIDERS NEED TO BE ACCREDITED. AFTER THAT YOU SHOULD LOOK FOR THE SAME THINGS THAT WE SHOULD BE LOOKING FOR IN ALL HEALTH CARE...</p>
<p><b>Dr. Fitch</b> <b>Track 3 (:15)</b></p>	<p>“THE NUMBER OF NURSING STAFF, DO THEY HAVE SOCIAL SERVICE SUPPORT, CHAPLIAN SUPPORT, THE MEDICAL STRUCTURE, HOW MANY MEDICAL DIRECTORS TO THEY HAVE?”</p>
	<p>AND MAYBE MOST IMPORTANTLY, WHAT IS THE PATIENTS AND FAMILY COMFORTABLE WITH.</p>
	<p>FOR MORE INFORMATION, TALK TO YOUR DOCTOR OR VISIT <a href="http://MAYOCLINIC.ORG">MAYOCLINIC.ORG</a>. I'M VIVIEN WILLIAMS.</p>