



# Wexner Heritage Village

## Zusman Hospice

Every Moment

DEMENTIA/ALZHEIMER'S



### When is it time for Hospice Care?

*Criteria to look for when referring for Dementia*

When a combination of the following characteristics are present, a patient may qualify to receive hospice care:

#### Functionality

- Requires assistance from others to bathe and get dressed.
- Is unable to walk without assistance.
- Is incontinent of bowel and bladder.
- Is unable to communicate verbally, his or her vocabulary is limited to 6 or fewer words.
- Is unable to smile
- Is unable to keep head up independently
- Is unable to sit up without assistance

#### Conditions within the past 12 months

- Urinary Tract Infection.
- Aspiration Pneumonia.
- Septicemia.
- Pressure Ulcers.
- Fever, recurrent after antibiotics.
- Inability to maintain sufficient fluid and caloric intake demonstrated by 10% weight loss OR serum albumin <2.5 gm/dl.

\*\*In the absence of one or more of these findings, rapid decline or comorbidities may also support eligibility for hospice care.

Dementia/Alzheimer's