

# Sacred Care Triggers

## Non Critical Care

For use by all Healthcare Providers for Goals Clarification

Presence of a serious illness and one or more of the following:

- New diagnosis of life-limiting illness for symptom control, patient/family support
- Progressive metastatic cancer
- Multiple hospitalizations/illness within the last 3 months
- Difficult to control physical or emotional symptoms such as pain, dyspnea, nausea, etc.
- Conflicts regarding the use of non-oral feeding/hydration in cognitively impaired, seriously ill, or dying patient

**If the patient has any of the above triggers, contact the physician.**

**The physician may consider a Patient/Family Conference, Palliative Care, Home Health Palliative Care or Hospice to assist in evaluating optimum patient plan of care.**

**Palliative Care pager: 2026**

**Hospice pager: 1268**