

Palliative Care Scripting Points

Starting the Palliative Care Conversation

1. “What are you hoping for?”
2. “What are you afraid of?”
3. “What is most important to you in your life?”
4. “Have you thought about what it might be like if we can’t help you live the way you want to live?”
5. “Have you thought about dying? Have you talked to anyone about it?”

Words That Work

1. “We want you to live **as well as you can, for as long as you can.**”
2. “You’re sick and it’s serious, but **we’ll be with you no matter what happens.**”
3. “What can I do for you **now.**”
4. “We will do all we can to get you the **best care possible.**”

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