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First Assumption: *If you have experienced a death, you know how death happens* [How assumptions about Dying Can Negatively Affect Patient Care](#)

Second Assumption: *You're supposed to be unconscious when you're about to die.* [Why We Can't Make Assumptions about Consciousness and Dying](#)

Third Assumption: *Family will want to be with their loved one when they are dying.* [Some People Do Not Want to be with Loved Ones at Time of Death \(and that's okay\)](#)

Fourth Assumption: *People don't want to be alone when they die.* [Time of Death: Some Patients Prefer to Die Alone](#)

Fifth Assumption: *Family matters will be resolved.* [When Dying isn't Enough for Family to Forgive](#)

Sixth Assumption: *The secrets to the universe will be revealed.* [Do Hospice Patients Reveal the Secrets to the Universe?](#)

Seventh Assumption: *You should tell your loved one, "It's okay to let go."* [The Dying Don't Need Your Permission to Let Go.](#)

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