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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](https://www.pallimed.org)

Second Assumption: *You’re supposed to be unconscious when you’re about to die.* [Why We Can’t Make Assumptions about Consciousness and Dying](https://www.pallimed.org)

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)](https://www.pallimed.org)

Fourth Assumption: *People don’t want to be alone when they die.* [Time of Death: Some Patients Prefer to Die Alone](https://www.pallimed.org)

Fifth Assumption: *Family matters will be resolved.* [When Dying isn’t Enough for Family to Forgive](https://www.pallimed.org)

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