

## WHAT SERVICES DOES HOSPICE CARE PROVIDE?

- Physician care
- On-site nursing
- Medications for pain control and symptom management
- Physical, occupational and speech-language pathology therapies
- Medical equipment and supplies
- Care giver support and training
- Dietitian counseling
- Short-term respite care
- Assistance with personal hygiene and light housekeeping
- Counseling and support groups for the patient and family
- Spiritual consultation
- Bereavement support services

**24 / 7 Patient Admission**

## Languages That We Speak

English	We speak english
Spanish	Hablamos español
Russian	Мы говорим на русском
Ukrainian	Ми говоримо українською
Moldavian	Мы гаворым на малдаўскай
Belarusian	Мы гаворым на беларускай
Estonian	Me räägime Eesti
Latvian	Mēs runāt latviski
Lithuania	Mes kalbame lietuvių
Armenian	Մենք խոսում ենք հայերեն
Azerbaijany	Biz Azərbaycan danişmaq
Georgian	ჩვენ ვსაუბრობთ საქართველოს
Polish	Mówimy Polski
Hebrew	עברית מדברים אנחנו
Arabic	العربية نتكلم نحن
Hindi	हम हिंदी बोलते हैं
Urdu	ہیں بولتے اردو ہم
Italian	Parliamo italiano



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## What is Hospice?

Hospice is a concept of care for terminally ill patients that provides each of the services that Americans say they would most like to receive at the end of life.

Hospice is not a place. It is a concept of care that treats the person, not the disease and emphasizes quality of life, not the duration. The hospice team of caregivers works with patients and their families to develop individualized plans of care that are designed to ease the patient's physical and emotional pain. Hospice caregivers provide emotional support to the patient and their family during the most difficult time of their lives so they can "put their lives in order" and make the last stage in life even more meaningful.

## What We Do?

Hospice care does not replace the family in caring for a loved one, but provides medical, emotional and physical support to the primary caregiver with a patient care team that is skilled in caring for patients and families coping with a life-limiting illness.

Making the choice to begin palliative, or comfort focused care, through our hospice program allows the patient and family to remain together in the comfort and security of their own home or wherever they may reside, including nursing home, long-term care facility or even hospital.

## Our Hospice Team

A multi disciplinary team of professional is available to provide a wide range of support for your loved one and their family, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.



### Medical Director

The Medical Director leads our interdisciplinary care team in the development of a plan of care and provides consultations to other physicians regarding hospice care.

### Registered Nurses

Our staff of compassionate nurses, skilled in pain management and symptom control, provide scheduled patient visits in the patient's place of residence.

### Nurse Aides

Nurse aides provide in-home personal care for the patient, including bathing, shampoos and linen changes.

### Social Workers

Skilled social workers offer supportive counseling to both the patient and those who share in the patient's life. This support continues through the period of grieving for 13 months following the death of the hospice patient.

### Hospice Chaplain

A hospice chaplain is available for spiritual counseling and works with the patient's chosen religious community to provide comforting spiritual support.

### Trained Volunteers

All hospice volunteers must complete a volunteer training program. Trained volunteers provide companionship and friendship to hospice patients and families. They provide assistance with everyday tasks such as shopping, running errands, providing transportation and caring for pets. Volunteers also provide emotional support and primary caregiver relief, taking time to listen or just sit quietly and hold a hand.

## How can we afford hospice?

Hospice care is a covered benefit under Medicare Part A and Medicaid for patients with a prognosis of six months or less. The benefit covers all services, medications and equipment related to the illness. Most major private insurers and HMOs also offer hospice coverage and benefits.

## Who is eligible?

Traditionally, hospice is appropriate for individuals facing a life-limiting illness and a prognosis of six months or less if the disease continues to follow its natural progression. Hospice services are available for patients of any age when it has been determined that curative care is no longer an option and the objective becomes an issue of pain management and quality of life.

- AMYOTROPHIC LATERAL SCLEROSIS
- DEMENTIA DUE TO ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND RELATED DISORDERS
- HEART DISEASE
- HIV DISEASE
- ACQUIRED IMMUNE DEFICIENCY SYNDROME
- LIVER DISEASE
- PULMONARY DISEASE
- RENAL DISEASE
- RENAL FAILURE
- STROKE & COMA
- CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE
- CONGESTIVE HEART FAILURE
- ISCHEMIC HEART DISEASE
- DIABETES MELLITUS
- NEUROLOGIC DISEASE (CVA, ALS, MS, PARKINSON'S)
- NEOPLASIA