

“Too many people don’t know about the wonderful work hospice does, not for money, but out of the goodness of their hearts.”

A 77 year-old hospice patient.

WHAT IS HOSPICE CARE?

Hospice is a philosophy of caring for persons with life-limiting illnesses. Hospice care involves a team-oriented approach to expert medical care, pain management, and emotional and spiritual support expressly tailored to the patient’s needs and wishes. Support is extended to the patient’s loved ones, as well.

The focus is on caring, not curing and, in most cases, care is provided in the patient’s home. Hospice care is also provided in hospitals, nursing homes, and other long-term facilities.

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“I was very concerned about how I would help my wife. Believe me, from the first contact with Hope Hospice my stress was greatly relieved. Your help was priceless. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.”

A family member



Hope is where the heart is.

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HOSPICE SERVICES

At Hope Hospice, the family and loved ones are the focus of care, as well as the patient. The hospice interdisciplinary team works with the patient and family to plan and coordinate services.

- 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, on-call nursing services for emergencies
- Physician services
- Visits by a registered, skilled nurse
- Counseling and pastoral care
- Home Health Aides to provide personal care
- Patient and family teaching done by the hospice team
- Nutritional counseling
- Supportive care by trained volunteers
- Speech, physical and occupational therapies, if needed
- Symptom management and pain control medications
- Medical equipment and supplies
- Short-term inpatient and respite care can be provided as deemed necessary by medical social service
- Bereavement follow-up
- Support groups

The type of services and level of care your loved one receives depends upon your loved one's condition and changing needs.

HOW ARE HOSPICE SERVICES DELIVERED?

An interdisciplinary team provides hospice care. This team works together to give the most comprehensive care possible. Members of the team include:

- The patient and family/caregiver
- The patient's personal physician
- Hospice medical director
- Registered nurses
- Home health aides
- Social workers
- Clergy or other counselors
- Trained volunteers

WHO PAYS FOR HOSPICE?

Medicare, Medicaid and most insurance plans cover hospice care. Hope Hospice also receives funding through memorials and contributions. Donations received as memorial gifts, contributions and charitable support are tax deductible.

WHO CAN BENEFIT FROM HOSPICE SERVICES?

Hope Hospice cares for many cancer patients, but also has expertise in the care of patients with other life-limiting illnesses, such as:

- Alzheimer's disease
- Congestive heart failure
- Heart disease
- Renal disease
- ALS
- Liver disease
- Pulmonary disease
- General debility

“Hospice was like a blessing to me. Without their help, I would not have been able to care for my husband at home.”

A surviving wife

WHEN TO REFER TO HOSPICE?

In most cases, the earlier a patient with a terminal illness is referred to hospice care, the better quality of life he or she will have in their remaining months. Early referrals allow the patient to benefit from symptom and pain management while he or she is still well enough to live each day to the fullest. It also allows for the patient to be more involved in making decisions, which in turn helps the family and offers assistance in dealing with unresolved issues. This lets families know that the choices they are making is what their loved ones desire.

