

“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 assisted living facilities, nursing homes, personal care homes, and other retirement communities.

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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
- Social services /counseling
- Pastoral services
- Hospice Aides to provide personal care
- Patient and family teaching done by the hospice team
- Nutritional counseling
- Supportive care by trained volunteers
- Physical therapy, occupational therapy and speech therapy, 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
- Hospice 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 patients with life-limiting illnesses, such as:

- Cancer
- Cardiac Disease
- Congestive Heart Failure
- Pulmonary Disease
- Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease
- Neurological Disorders
- ALS
- Alzheimer's Disease
- Parkinson's Disease
- Liver Disease
- Renal Disease
- Respiratory Disease

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

WHEN TO REFER TO HOSPICE?

In most cases, the earlier a patient is referred to hospice care, the better quality of life he or she will have. 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 and allows the family assistance in dealing with unresolved issues and end-of-life care for their loved one.

