

# HOSPICE CARE

Hospice care is a specialty that provides comfort care to persons who are in the last six months of their lives.

## Who is eligible?

- Patient of any age with a terminal disease or condition.
- Patient expected to have a six-month-or-less prognosis if the disease or condition takes its expected course.
- Patient is no longer receiving curative treatment, with the exception of children who may be eligible to receive both hospice care and curative treatment.

## What is provided?

- An interdisciplinary team that supports the physical, spiritual and emotional needs of the patient and family.
- A team that includes patient's doctor, Unity's doctors, advanced practice nurses, skilled nurses, certified nursing assistants, social workers, chaplains, volunteers and grief counselors.
- Hospice services offered in patient's home, nursing home, assisted living facility and during hospitalization.
- Patient visit schedule based on patient need and determined in collaboration with patient's primary care team.
- Medical equipment, supplies and medications based on hospice prognosis.
- 24-hour, seven-day-a-week consultation.
- Bereavement care for patient's family and friends.
- Access to Unity's hospice residence.

## How is it paid for?

- Medicare or Medicaid.
- Private insurance.
- Private pay.
- Charity care for patients with limited resources.

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# PALLIATIVE CARE

Palliative care is a specialty that focuses on pain and symptom management and the improvement in quality of life during serious illness.

## Who is eligible?

- Patient of any age facing a serious illness.
- Patient who may be receiving curative treatment including chemotherapy, radiation and dialysis.
- Patient with a prognosis greater than six months.
- Patient in need of support but not medically-eligible for hospice care.
- Patient needing or requesting support to manage health care needs.

## What is provided?

- An interdisciplinary team that supports the physical, spiritual and emotional needs of the patient and family.
- A team that includes patient's doctor, Unity's doctors, advanced practice nurses, skilled nurses, certified nursing assistants, social workers, chaplains, volunteers and grief counselors.
- Assistance with pain and symptom management.
- Palliative services offered in patient's home, assisted living facility and during hospitalization.
- Palliative care provided Monday through Friday, 7 a.m.-5 p.m. Evening and weekend telephone consultation.

## How is it paid for?

- Private insurance.
- Private pay.
- Charity care for patients with limited resources.

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