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Financial support from individuals, businesses and foundations within our community helps Unity care for anyone regardless of their ability to pay. Unity is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) and is committed to caring for all people who need palliative, hospice or bereavement care. To learn more about giving opportunities, please contact us at 920.338.1111 or 800.990.9249.

About Unity

Unity is a not-for-profit provider of palliative, hospice and bereavement care in 12 counties in Northeast Wisconsin and has offices in the Green Bay area, Marinette, Shawano and Sturgeon Bay. Unity is a partnership of Bellin Health, St. Mary's Hospital Medical Center and St. Vincent Hospital. Unity is a member of the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization (NHPCO) and The Hospice Organization and Palliative Experts (HOPE) of Wisconsin.

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PALLIATIVE CARE



It's About Living ...

Many people are overwhelmed when faced with a serious illness. There are many unanswered questions. Few experiences in life are as difficult and life-changing.

As patients and families adjust to living with a serious illness, Unity's palliative care team offers guidance to help them find answers to their questions and comfort for their symptoms, allowing for an improved quality of life.

Caring Support

Comfort and guidance during serious illness.

Palliative (pronounced “pal-ee-uh-tiv”) care is a type of medical care that helps people of all ages with serious illnesses ease their suffering and improve their quality of life. Unity’s palliative care program is for patients at any stage of a serious illness. Care can begin upon diagnosis and continue throughout the course of curative treatment. The palliative care team of doctors, nurses and other specialists, along with the patients’ doctors, tends to the physical, spiritual and emotional needs of patients and their families.

How can palliative care help me or my loved one?

Unity’s palliative care team provides support by ...

- **Treating symptoms**

Addressing issues of pain, nausea, loss of appetite, fatigue, shortness of breath and other symptoms related to the serious illness or side effects of treatment, allows patients to gain an improved quality of life and, for many, the strength to fight their illness.

- **Supporting decisions and goals**

By discussing treatment options and individual goals of care, patients and their families receive guidance to make decisions throughout the course of the disease.

- **Managing care with multiple doctors**

Helping patients and their families navigate the health care system reduces stress, fear and uncertainty.

- **Caring for patients and their caregivers**

Establishing plans for taking medications, monitoring food and fluid intake, assisting with bathing, reviewing home safety for tripping dangers, and discussing spiritual and emotional matters, gives patients the opportunity to remain where they want to live, surrounded by their own comforts.

- **Providing access to other support networks in the community**

Connecting patients and their families to other community resources, including home-delivered meal programs, private caregivers and transportation services, as well as Unity’s trained volunteers, provides companionship and assistance with daily living needs.



“As a caregiver for my parents, Unity helped me see that pain isn’t a ‘normal’ part of growing old or living with a serious illness.”

Call Unity to learn about how we can help...

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Important Questions

Why choose Unity?

Unity began Wisconsin’s first free-standing palliative care program in 2002, based on experience in providing comfort care to hospice patients since 1977. The entire palliative care team works with patients and their families to make a plan of care that meets their goals.

Who may refer a patient to Unity’s palliative care program?

Anyone. Referrals come from doctors, patients, family members, friends and clergy. A simple phone call to Unity at 920.338.1111 or 800.990.9249 can answer questions.

Do patients need to leave their homes?

No. Patients will receive care from Unity wherever they reside—at home or any hospital or assisted living facility served by Unity in Northeast Wisconsin.

Is palliative care the same as hospice care?

No. Palliative care is for people at any stage of a serious illness, including those who may be receiving curative treatment. Hospice care is for people at the end of life, with a six-month-or-less prognosis, who are no longer receiving curative treatment, with the exception of children who may be eligible to receive both hospice care and curative treatment.

How is it paid for?

Palliative care is paid for by private insurance, private pay and charity care for patients with limited resources. As a not-for-profit provider, Unity’s program costs adjust based on a sliding fee scale, and no patient is ever denied services due to inability to pay.