

# VS Palliative Hospice Care

Understand the difference

## PALLIATIVE CARE

- Paid by Medicare Part B & Most Insurance
- At any stage of the terminal diagnosis
- Can occur at the same time as curative treatment
- Certified nursing assistants are not available
- Patients are seen 1-2 times per month by a nurse practitioner
- Advanced Care Planning

## THINGS IN COMMON

- Optimize comfort
- Relieve symptoms
- Provide emotional and spiritual support

## HOSPICE CARE

- Paid by Medicare, Medicaid & Insurance
- Prognosis of 6 months or less
- Chooses to forego curative measures
- Certified Nursing Assistants are part of the plan of care
- Patients are seen 1-2 times per week by a registered nurse

Please ask your Amity Care representative if services are available in your area.



## OUR MISSION

To respect the inherent value of patients and families dealing with serious illness, to offer hope, promote peace, and provide comfort to make a difference to those we serve.



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# What is Palliative Care

Palliative care is a specialized form of medical care that focuses on enhancing the quality of life for those with serious or life-threatening illnesses by compassionately providing support, comfort, and symptom management throughout the patient's journey



## Our Palliative Care Team

### Patient-Centered Care

Consists of a Medical Director, Nurse Practitioner, Social Worker, and Chaplain who will collaborate with the patient and family to co-produce a plan that is aligned with treatment goals and disease management needs. Our team of expert palliative professionals will work with the patient's medical specialists throughout the course of treatment and care.

### Support for the Caregiver

The role of the caregiver is vital, and our team can provide resources to help enhance caregiver skills.

#### PHYSICAL

Symptom management & addressing physical well-being

#### EMOTIONAL

Help with anxiety & depression

Our four principles of Palliative Care

Bringing Peace & Importance on value of life

Provide emotional support, resource access, patient & family advocacy

#### SPIRITUAL

#### SOCIAL

## Who Needs Palliative Care?

Patients at any stage of a life-limiting illness, even if the disease cannot be cured, may be considered for palliative care. Not only can palliative care improve a person's quality of life and help with symptom management, but it also can help them understand their options regarding their treatment plan.

**If the patient has one of more of the following diseases, palliative care may be the right treatment choice:**

- ◆ Cancer
- ◆ End-stage Dementia
- ◆ Parkinson's Disease
- ◆ Huntington's
- ◆ Chronic Cardiac Disease with Congestive Heart Failure (CHF) and/or Coronary Artery Disease (CAD)
- ◆ Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS)
- ◆ Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) or other chronic diseases that are life-limiting
- ◆ Any life-limiting illness or serious condition with symptom burden that impacts quality of life

Contact us today for more information about our Palliative Care Program