

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT HOSPICE CARE

- 1 Is hospice for cancer only?**
No. It is care for any life-limiting illness, including but not limited to cancer, stroke, Parkinson's disease, dementia, ALS, cardiac/heart disease, lung disease/COPD, kidney failure, liver disease and diabetes.
- 2 When is it appropriate to seek help?**
When the patient is no longer seeking a cure and comfort is the primary goal.
- 3 Who qualifies for hospice?**
Hospice care is appropriate for those patients with a life expectancy of six months or less if the disease process runs its normal course. The earlier hospice care begins, the greater the benefits for the entire family.
- 4 Who can refer someone to hospice?**
Referrals are accepted from the patient, a family member, the patient's physician, a long-term care or assisted living facility and other referral sources.
- 5 How soon can hospice care begin?**
Once the call to Visiting Nurse is made, admission can be the same day.

Visiting Nurse provides compassion, comfort and guidance through life's journey. We care for those who go on living as well. Our grief services are available at no charge for any adult who has experienced the loss of a loved one.

We proudly serve these Indiana counties:
Adams, Allen, Blackford, DeKalb, Grant, Huntington, Jay, Noble, Wabash, Wells and Whitley.



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Hospice Care

COMPASSIONATE CARE IN YOUR HOME

Hospice is a special type of care for people facing a life-limiting illness or injury, their families and their caregivers. Hospice helps patients and their families live as fully as possible. We treat the patient, not the disease, and the focus is on caring, not curing. With hospice care, a team of healthcare experts and trained volunteers will address symptom control, pain management, emotional and spiritual support designed for the patient's needs and wishes. Hospice is not "giving up," it's about giving you the best quality of life. The sooner you begin hospice care, the sooner Visiting Nurse can provide care for you and your family.

Who is hospice care for? Anyone who:

- Has been diagnosed with a life-limiting disease with a life expectancy of six months or less if the disease process runs its normal course.
- Plans no further curative care or treatment.
- Is asking for comfort measures only, such as pain management and symptom control.

How can hospice care help? By providing:

- Medical services of our hospice physicians in addition to the patient's physicians
- Nursing visits with RNs and LPNs
- 24-hour RN on call for questions, emergencies or visits
- Medications for symptom control
- Medical equipment and supplies
- Therapies as needed to enhance quality of life
- Social worker services
- Home health aide visits
- Spiritual support
- Volunteer services
- Emotional support for patients and family
- Grief support for family members
- Music Therapy

Visiting Nurse is a community-based,

NON-PROFIT AGENCY

that has served northeast Indiana

SINCE 1888.



Hospice is covered by

Medicare

Medicaid

Private insurance

Private payment

Because we are a non-profit, community-based agency, we are proud to care for all patients, regardless of their ability to pay, thanks to the generosity of community supporters.

The Visiting Nurse Care Team

We provide care in the patient's home, in assisted living facilities, nursing and group homes, and in our 14-bed inpatient Hospice Home.

Our care is provided by our interdisciplinary team of professionals, including the hospice physicians, the patient's physician, nurses, nurse practitioners, social workers, chaplains, home health aides, therapists and volunteers.

Hospice Physicians

Work with the patient's physician(s) to oversee plan of care.

Trained Hospice Nurses

Registered Nurses (RN) provide symptom management and teach the family skills to help make the patient more comfortable.

Certified Nursing Assistants/ Home Health Aides

Assist with activities of daily living, including personal care such as bathing and dressing.

Social Workers

Assist in meeting patient/family needs, including providing emotional support, making referrals to community resources and assisting with legal paperwork.

Volunteers

Provide companionship for the patient and offer respite time for caregivers.

Chaplains

Provide spiritual counsel and support to patients and their families as desired.