

Palliative Care Services

Palliative care is a medical specialty that focuses on the relief of pain and other symptoms to improve the quality of life for patients with an advanced illness. Palliative care can help patients of all ages, at any point in their illness and it can be provided along with curative treatment, including chemotherapy and radiation. Palliative care is especially beneficial to patients with advanced cancer, cardiac disease, pulmonary disease, kidney failure, Alzheimer's disease and Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis.



Key Services

- A complete patient assessment by a nurse practitioner
- Assistance to achieve patient-identified goals of care
- Care coordination with the patient's physicians
- Counseling and emotional support for patient and family
- Recommendations to manage complex pain and other symptoms such as respiratory distress and anxiety
- Referral to other community resources



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The Palliative Care Team may include

- Physicians board certified in hospice and palliative care
- Nurse practitioners with extensive experience in pain and symptom management
- Social workers who are knowledgeable about the physical, emotional and spiritual issues that often accompany an advanced illness

Our physicians and nurse practitioners act as consultants; providing treatment and medication recommendations for aggressive pain and symptom management. Together, the entire team works in collaboration with the patient's physician to ensure optimum care coordination.

Most Palliative Care services are available in homes, long-term care and assisted living facilities and hospitals.

