



HOSPICE AND PALLIATIVE CARE

What is Hospice and Palliative Care?

Hospice and palliative care addresses the needs of patients and their families who face illnesses that cannot be cured

Hospice and palliative care respect the patient's goals, preferences and choices

The whole person is cared for including physical, emotional, social and spiritual needs

The family is supported as well

Family is considered to be whoever the patient says they are

What is the Hospice/Palliative care team?

Hospice and palliative care is given by a team of people knowledgeable in end-of-life care

The team is made up of many members including but not limited to: nurses, nursing assistants, clergy and spiritual counselor, social workers, physicians, pharmacists and volunteers

Additional team members will be asked to assist with any special needs that the patient and family may have

The team communicates with the patient and family as well as each other to assure that the patient and families' needs are being met

What can be done?

The good news is that there is much you, your caregiver and the hospice/palliative care team can do for the problems that are encountered at the end of life

The team will always try to discover the underlying cause and discuss treatments with your healthcare team

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