



## When to Call Hospice

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Hospice care is available at any stage during the illness once a terminal diagnosis is received. At the point when the medical goal changes from cure to comfort, it is time to call Oasis Hospice for a consultation. We will work and walk compassionately with our patients and their families on the journey.

## How is Hospice Care Paid For?

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Hospice is provided regardless of the patient's ability to pay. Hospice is paid for by Medicare Part A, Medicaid and most private insurers. If there is no insurance coverage, Oasis Hospice will work with the patient and their family to ensure that services can be provided.

Oasis Hospice does not discriminate against any persons on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, disability, sex, age, genetic information, marital status, parental status, sexual orientation, gender identity and/or expression and status as a veteran in the admission for treatment, or participation in its programs, services and activities, or in employment whether carried out by Oasis Hospice directly or through a contractor or any other entity with whom Oasis Hospice engages to carry out hospice programs and activities.

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## Our Philosophy of Care

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It's heavy, but also  
it's sort of the  
philosophy of Hospice  
that it's not about death.  
It's about life.  
When you're able  
to confront the  
realities of death,  
you're able to live life  
as long as you can.

~ Landon Adams

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## Quality of Life

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When given the news of a life-limiting illness, we have the choice of continuing to live with dignity, while remaining pain and symptom free. We are able to achieve this in the comfort of our own home (or, indeed, anywhere else that we call home) surrounded by those we love, those who mean the most to us.

When medical care cannot offer a cure, hospice provides care, comfort and support for persons with life-limiting conditions as well as their families. The hospice team works to make the patient comfortable while relieving their symptoms and pain for the entire length of the illness.

At Oasis Hospice, we believe in affirming life and exist as a refuge for our patients and their families. We aim to improve the quality of life for our patients as they deal with life-limiting illnesses.

## Services

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### **Routine Care:**

This is provided in the patient's residence by our team of hospice professionals, staff and volunteers.

### **Inpatient Care:**

Available as needed and approved by the hospice team, general inpatient care may be required for procedures which, practically, cannot be provided in any other setting. Such procedures may be necessary for pain control, acute or chronic symptom management.

### **Continuous Care:**

This is a more intense level of care in the home during brief periods of crisis to control unmanaged symptoms. The hospice interdisciplinary team will review the need for such care.

### **Respite Care:**

Limited to five-day intervals, respite care is available as needed and approved by the interdisciplinary team to provide a caregiver with short-term relief.

## Team Approach

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### **Physician:**

The primary care physician remains an important part of the patient's care. With their input, the hospice medical director and the hospice team will coordinate care.

### **Nursing:**

The registered nurse case manager is responsible for assessing and managing a patient's care.

### **Social Work:**

The hospice social worker has in-depth knowledge and expertise in ethnic, cultural and economic diversity; including liaising with family and support networks.

### **Spiritual Support:**

The hospice chaplain is available to provide counsel and spiritual support for our patients and their families. They are able to request the assistance of all faith clergies to meet the unique needs of a patient and their family.

### **Music Therapy:**

Using music to professionally address physical, emotional, cognitive and social needs, music therapy can be used to attend to goals for the hospice patient in a non-threatening manner. Such hospice specific goals can be to alleviate pain, decrease anxiety, enhance memory and encourage self expression.

### **Hospice Aide:**

Hospice aides provide personal care under the direction of a registered nurse. Care includes assistance with activities of daily living such as bathing, hair and mouth care.

Additional Team members are **Dietitians, Pharmacists, Volunteers, Physical, Speech and Occupational therapists.**