

Our Palliative Care Team

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Who qualifies for Palliative Care?

- Residents with chronic illness who have not been given a life expectancy
- Residents having a general decline in mobility and activities of daily living
- Residents with weight loss/ not eating



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Palliative Care Program



What is Palliative Care?

Palliative Care is a person-centered quality of life model for patient care. The focus is on the individual - anticipating, preventing and maintaining the resident's quality of life and improving it however possible. Care is negotiated with the resident's goals, values and preferences in mind. With palliative care, no treatment is too much. If it can improve the resident's quality of life or enhance comfort, it will be taken into consideration.



The difference between Palliative Care and Hospice

- While receiving palliative care, patients can remain under the care of their regular doctor and still receive treatment for their disease.
- Hospice requires a life expectancy of "less than 6 months"
- Palliative care can be given at the same time as treatments that are meant to cure or treat the disease.
- Palliative care may be given when the disease is diagnosed, throughout treatment, during follow-up, and at the end of life.
- Hospice care begins after treatment of the disease has stopped and when the patient is unable to survive the illness.

"What Is Palliative Care?: MedlinePlus Medical Encyclopedia." *MedlinePlus*, U.S. National Library of Medicine, medlineplus.gov/ency/patientinstructions/000536.htm.

Palliative Care — Resident and family care

The goal of the Palliative Care Team is not only to meet social, emotional and spiritual needs of the resident, but also the family.

The Nurse works closely with the resident and their family to meet all needs. The nurse provides routine one-on-one, person-centered care, giving each resident specialized attention.

Each member of the Palliative care team plays an important role in meeting the needs of the resident. The team is also there for the family to help them cope with the changes they have seen in their loved one.

