

Palliative Care vs Hospice Care

Hospice care is palliative, but not all palliative care is hospice



	Palliative Care	Hospice Care
Definition	A physician or NPN consult service which focuses on providing care for patients with serious illnesses, who are also pursuing curative or life-prolonging treatment.	An interdisciplinary approach to providing care for patients at the end of life that focuses on pain and symptom management. Comfort is the primary goal.
Eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Physician order Diagnosis of life-limiting illness during any stage of a disease, ideally early in the course of illness 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Physician order Diagnosis of terminal illness Certification by a physician of prognosis likely to be 6 months or less
Goals of Care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pain relief and other symptom management Improve quality of life 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pain relief and other symptom management Improved quality of life Support the natural process of dying
Scope of Service	The team includes a doctor, nurse practitioner and sometimes social workers or a care coordinator.	Interdisciplinary team including doctor, nurse, nurse aide, social worker, chaplain, and volunteers. The patient's primary doctor may continue as the hospice doctor if patient chooses. Bereavement support is available to family for 13 months after death (24 months for pediatric patients).
Emergency After Hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It varies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nurse available 24/7 Always call the hospice team before 911, they understand a hospice patient's needs the best
Location Services Provided	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Home Skilled Nursing Facility Assisted Living Facility Hospital PMC Offices at the Aquilino Center, and MD Oncology Hematology - Silver Spring 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Home (Doctor makes home visits) Skilled Nursing Facility Assisted Living Facility Acute Care Inpatient Unit (Casey House) Hospital
Payer Source	As with any consultative service, insurance will be billed for the physician's services. Medicare Part B will pay 80% of these charges; the remainder is billed to either a secondary insurance or to the patients. Patients will have copay or coinsurance.	Medicare Part A services pay 100%. Most Medicaid programs pay for hospice 100%, most private insurance have hospice benefit. Medicare patients have NO copay.
Medications	Not covered.	All medications related to comfort and the terminal illness are covered.
Levels of Care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One level of care 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Routine Respite General Inpatient Continuous care
Additional Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Telehealth. PMC offers virtual visits. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complementary Therapies: Comfort Touch® Massage, Lavender Oil Hand Massages, Reiki, Pet Visits, Music Therapy, Music by the Bedside, Threshold Choir, and Aromatherapy. End-of-Life Care Professional Education Telehealth