



Health Care

HOSPICE CARE - WHAT IS IT?

Did you know that Hospice is specialized health care to meet the needs of patients with life limiting illnesses? Care focuses on living your life fully with the support of the Hospice team. Hospice is not just for cancer patients, in fact only 45% of patients have cancer. Diseases of the heart, liver, lung, Alzheimer's and other life limiting illnesses are also cared for by Hospice workers.

Hospice is not for a set period of time. You can continue to receive Hospice care as long as you meet the necessary criteria. You can keep your primary physician as Hospice workers work with your physician to make sure you are comfortable and your needs are met.

When you are admitted to Hospice, you do not give up your Social Security, Medicare, home or any other assets. Hospice is a Medicare/Medi-Cal benefit that is paid for by Medicare and most private insurance companies. Your income or assets do not determine eligibility for Hospice care.

Hospice can help keep you out of the hospital. With the care and support of the Hospice team and a nurse that is available by telephone 24/7, Hospice can be your safety net rather than calling the paramedics and being transferred to the Emergency Department.

Hospice is not just for the patient. They care for the family as well. Hospice focuses on comfort, dignity and emotional support for the patient, their family and support system.

Hospice does not mean giving up hope. Hospice provides an opportunity for patients and their families to have a quality of life that is family-centered and takes place in an atmosphere of compassion, dignity and hope.

Hospice is not just for the last few days of life and you get to make the decisions about the type of care and treatment you receive. Patients on Hospice care have the choice to be resuscitated or not. Patients have the choice regarding artificial nutrition, antibiotics and future life-sustaining care.

HEALTH CARE RESOURCES

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY.951-683-6415
7130 Magnolia Ave., #S • Riverside CA
They offer resources, information & guidance.

AMERICAN LUNG ASSOC909-884-5864
441 W. Mackay Dr. • San Bernardino CA

BALLARD REHABILITATION HOSPITAL.....909-473-1200
1760 W. 16th St. • San Bernardino CA
Ballard Rehabilitation Hospital offers a comprehensive approach to physical rehabilitation: a high quality inpatient and outpatient program and a caring and understanding staff.

CHAPMAN CONVALESCENT HOSPITAL.....951-680-3700
4301 Caroline Ct. • Riverside CA 92506
Rehab and hospice services.

COMMUNITY HOSPITAL OF SAN BERNARDINO909-887-6333
1805 Medical Center Dr. • San Bernardino 92411
A private, nonprofit 321-bed acute care hospital serving the Inland Empire since 1908. Services include ER, acute inpatient care, inpatient and outpatient surgery, behavioral health services and neurological care for adults.