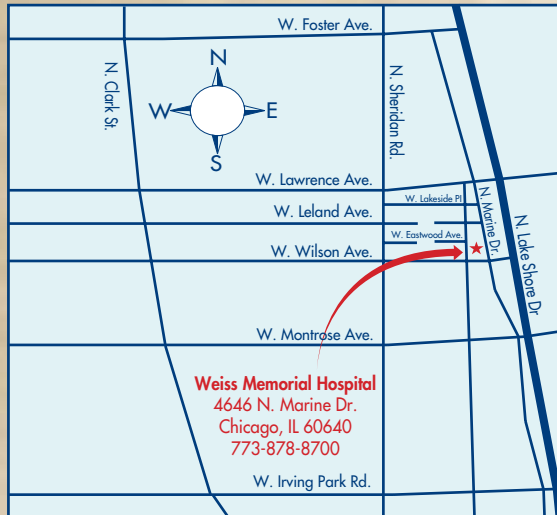
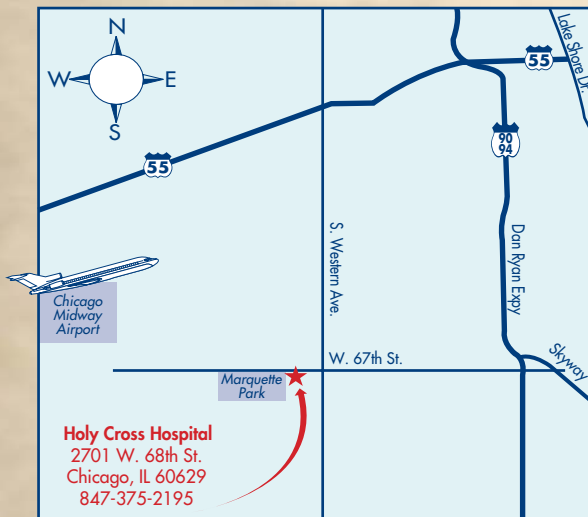


Location Maps

WEISS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL



HOLY CROSS HOSPITAL



Seasons Hospice Inpatient Unit

Our Mission:

Honoring Life ~ Offering Hope

Our Vision is to:

- ♥ recognize that individuals and families are the true experts in their own care,
- ♥ support each other so we can put our patients and families first,
- ♥ find creative solutions which add quality to life,
- ♥ strive for excellence beyond accepted standards, and
- ♥ increase the community's awareness of hospice as part of the continuum of care.



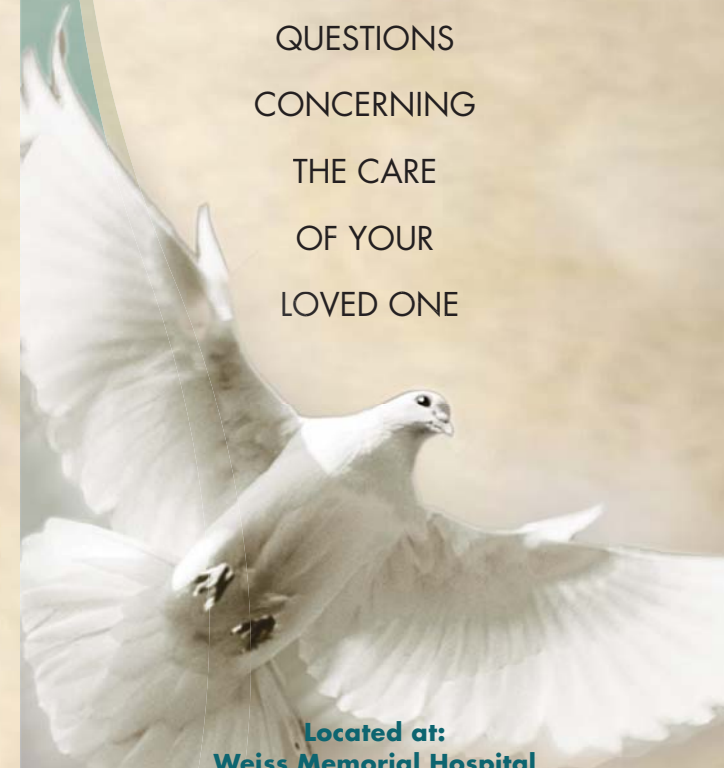
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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the Seasons Inpatient Unit?

The Seasons Inpatient Unit provides a caring environment where patients can go to get help with their symptoms. It is a place where loved ones may spend hours or days in the patient's room, providing the warmth and comfort that family and friends can offer. They are welcome to share the room 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. During this critical time, a patient's loved ones can truly "be there" – which can be the most important thing to the patient.

What are the reasons a patient would want to go to the Inpatient Unit?

The comforting setting and a team of highly skilled hospice professionals at the Seasons Inpatient Unit help the patient meet any challenges they may encounter with their particular hospice diagnosis. Some reasons for inpatient hospice care may include:

- Pain management
- Open Access interventions:
 - Ventilator support
 - IV antibiotics
 - Palliative chemotherapy and radiation treatments
 - Other advanced medical interventions
- Psychosocial support:
 - To meet the patient's need for respite care (up to 5 days)
 - To provide time and assistance if there is a breakdown in family dynamics
 - To provide time and assistance regarding long term care placement

Can families stay with the patient?

Yes, the patient's family can stay with the patient. There is a kitchen facility and washer and dryer available for family use. These convenient amenities are vital to the comfort of both patient and family.



When can a patient be admitted to the facility?

The patient must meet the following Medicare criteria for inpatient hospice:

- Agitation requiring medication change
- Uncontrolled pain requiring dosage changes
- Blood transfusions
- Seizures – intractable, requiring observation/ medication titration
- Vent weaning
- Wound care – draining, malodorous, needing frequent dressing changes
- Respiratory distress
- Cardiac failure – requiring frequent medication administration
- Bleeding – intractable
- Medication titration or adjustments needing close monitoring
- Decreased blood pressure
- Decreased urine output
- Intractable nausea
- Vomiting and/or diarrhea

Can the patient's referring physician continue to follow the patient?

Yes, they can. Our hospice physicians will also make rounds daily on all patients and intervene as needed.

When can we call with referrals?

At any time you determine the patient is in need of hospice care.

You can refer a patient to the Seasons Hospice Inpatient Unit with a few simple steps:

1. Once you have identified a possible patient or received orders from a patient's physician you can call us at our toll-free intake number 1-800-570-8809 24 hours a day.
2. You can fax the patient information to 847-759-9448 Monday thru Friday 8am-5pm.
3. The Season's hospice staff is also available to assess and evaluate a patient for all levels of hospice patient care.