



Palliative Care Program



Seasons Palliative Care program provides clinical symptom management for people living with an advanced illness and emotional support for their families and caregivers throughout the metropolitan Chicagoland area. Palliative care is comprehensive care for patients of all ages, including children, who are living with a life-limiting illness. The focus of care is the alleviation of symptoms to provide comfort care as well as meeting the emotional and spiritual needs of patients and families.

Palliative care consults are provided by physicians and nurse practitioners who are specialists in pain and symptom management. These highly skilled specialists work closely with the patient's primary physician and care team to offer consultations and provide options that enhance quality of life.

Seasons Palliative Care Program

- Specializes in pain and symptom management
- Assists in advance care planning and the development of support services
- Coordinates and develops the plan of care with a team approach that includes the patient and family

Goals of Palliative Care

- To enhance the quality of life by managing symptoms
- To provide emotional and spiritual support
- To coordinate a plan of care and establish an active support system
- To treat pain and alleviate suffering
- To provide choices in advance care planning

Where are Palliative Care Consultations provided?

- Hospitals
- Patient's own home
- Assisted Living Facilities
- Long-Term care facilities
- Oncology clinics
- Outpatient offices

How is Palliative Care different from Hospice?

Palliative Care Consultations:

- Can be provided earlier in the disease process than hospice
- Do not require a six-month prognosis
- Can be utilized with traditional or curative care
- Can be accessed while the patient is undergoing rehabilitation at a skilled nursing facility
- Provide physician and nurse practitioner consultations whereas hospice includes an array of services such as 24 hour support from the interdisciplinary Hospice Care Team, as well as durable medical equipment and medications

What are the costs associated with Palliative Care Consultations?

- Medicare, Medicaid, and most private insurance programs cover the costs of palliative care consultations.
- Palliative Care Consultations do not preclude other providers from billing for their services.
- For people without reimbursement for healthcare, we provide charity care when needed.



Our Mission:

Honoring Life ~ Offering Hope

Understanding the Palliative Care - Hospice interface

Palliative Care

Requirements:

Greater than 6 months prognosis

Active Treatment Phase

Patients may be:

- Undergoing curative treatment
- Accessing skilled long term care days

Services:

Patient not ready for Hospice

Nurse Practitioner

Physician

Open Access Hospice

Requirements:

Less than 6 months prognosis

Medical interventions, such as:

- Ventilator support
- IV antibiotics
- TPN
- Cardiac drips
- Chest tubes
- Others

Services:

Ready for Hospice but difficult treatments

Hospice Team

Pharmacy

DME

Physician

24 hour

Traditional Hospice

Requirements:

Less than 6 months prognosis

Goals of care include:

- Increased quality of life
- Pain and symptom management
- Caregiver support
- Emotional and spiritual support

Services:

Hospice Team

Pharmacy

DME

Physician

24 hour

800-570-8809

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