

Sutter North Hospice

Hospice is a program of care that is designed to support people who have a terminal illness and their loved ones. The care includes both physical and emotional support provided by a professional team.

Who: A person of any age who has a terminal illness, desires palliative care and has a caregiver or a plan for future care assistance.

Where: Care is most often provided in a home setting, however it may also be given in a skilled nursing facility or a board and care home.

How Long: You may receive services as long as your doctor certifies that you have a terminal illness and probably have less than 6 months to live. Even if you bypass the 6-month date, you can continue to receive services if certain requirements are met.

Who Provides Care: Your care is provided by Nurses, Medical Social Workers, Personal Care Assistants, Chaplains, Volunteers, Physical, Occupational and Speech Therapists. We also have a Nutritionist and a Bereavement/Volunteer Coordinator. The care is also monitored and guided by your primary doctor and our medical director, Dr. Leslie McLean.

What Is The Care: Intermittent nursing care, concentrating on symptom management and education of the patient and caregiver as illness progresses. Also, 24 hour nursing availability for telephone consults and, if needed, a home visit.

Personal Care Attendants/Home Health Aides: Provide personal care such as bathing and limited household tasks.

Social Worker: Provides emotional support, community resources, planning for funerals and caregivers pending needs.

Volunteers: Provide companionship, practical support such as errands and caregiver relief.

Nutritionist and other Therapists: Will be consulted as needed to meet ongoing patient nutritional and practical care needs.

Bereavement: Is provided to loved ones for 13 months after the patient has passed on.

Also Supplied: Medications related to comfort and symptom control, any needed equipment such as hospital bed and oxygen. Respite care (5 days) in skilled nursing facility, if needed.

Cost: Medicare/Medical covers this service completely. Most insurance plans also include hospice care. If patient is uninsured, hospice will still provide the care. A \$5 prescription charge and \$5 per day respite charge may occur.

What is not covered: Treatment to cure the terminal illness, care that was not approved by the hospice team.

Stopping of Hospice Care: Hospice care can be stopped at any time for several reasons.

Can a Patient Resume Hospice Care Once Stopped? Yes, as long as the patient meets the program criteria, the doctor reorders the care and you have not exhausted your benefit.

How Does Someone Sign Up? Call Sutter North Hospice at 530-749-3460 or ask their doctor about receiving a hospice evaluation.

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Serving Yuba, Sutter and Portions of Butte County

On-Call Availability
530-749-3460

Hospice staff is always available on-call,
24 hours a day, 7 days a week
for consultations and emergencies