



hospice care center

The in-patient Hospice Care Center is a beautiful place designed to provide care for patients who might otherwise need to be hospitalized to manage symptoms, or who might prefer to be at the Care Center instead of their own home.

Fifteen comfortably furnished private rooms - each one with enough space for family to spend the night, a private bath, and a kitchenette - provide a warm, home-like environment for patients to be surrounded by those they love while receiving the best possible end-of-life care.

Nursing care is provided 24 hours a day by hospice RN's and aides. Patient and family support and counseling is provided by our chaplains and social workers. Trained volunteers assist to provide the "extra added touch".

While most costs are paid for by Medicare, Medicaid, or private insurance, patients or families may be responsible for a room and board fee.

Just like home, the Care Center has no visiting hours. Family, friends, children, and pets are welcome anytime.

hospice of kitsap county history

Founded in 1979 by a dedicated core of local volunteers seeking a better way to care for the dying in our community, Hospice of Kitsap County became this area's first hospice care provider. Still governed today by a voluntary board of dedicated individuals who live and work in Kitsap County, Hospice of Kitsap County is a not-for-profit, Medicare certified, Washington State licensed agency generously supported by this community through memorial gifts, donations, grants, and annual fundraising events.

for more information or to make a donation call or visit:

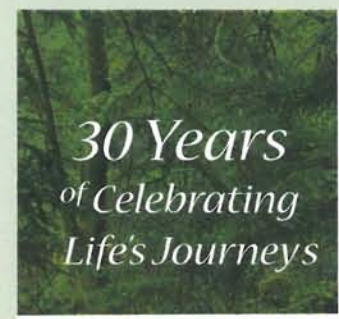
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what is hospice care?



Hospice of Kitsap County
dignity, compassion, and comfort



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Hospice is a uniquely comprehensive concept of caring that emphasizes comfort rather than curative treatment; quality rather than quantity of life. Expert medical care is given, and the most effective pain and symptom relief is provided. The patient and family are central to the care plan and emotional, spiritual and practical support are given based on the patient's wishes and family's needs.

Hospice provides expert end-of-life care personally tailored to meet the individual goals and desires of each patient and their family.

By caring for the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of each patient and family, hospice helps patients maintain dignity and control over their own lives and care.

Hospice affirms life and regards dying as a normal process. Hospice neither hastens nor postpones death.

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services include:

- An Available On-Call Nurse Around-the-Clock
- Medications, Equipment, and Supplies
- Medical Expertise for Symptom Management
- Assistance with Personal Care
- Emotional Counseling
- Chaplain (or other clergy) Support
- Social Work Services
- Bereavement Care and Counseling
- Physical, Speech, and Occupational Therapies
- Volunteer Services and Support
- Complementary Therapies
- Other Services as required



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who does hospice care for?

Many people receiving hospice care have cancer, but hospice is available for people with any terminal illness such as heart disease, C.O.P.D., dementia, A.L.S., A.I.D.S., or any other condition. In general, hospice is reserved for those who have been evaluated by a physician as having six months or less to live. HKC cares for anyone regardless of age, race, gender, lifestyle, or ability to pay. And HKC provides care in locations throughout the community including: private homes, assisted living, adult family homes, long term care facilities, and the Hospice Care Center.

hospice referrals

Anyone -- physicians, family, friends, or patients can make a referral to hospice. HKC is also always available to make an informational visit to discuss individual situations. Please call Referrals & Admissions at 360.698.4611.

grief support

The grief process begins with the terminal diagnosis, as everyone begins to contemplate the many losses ahead. The HKC counseling staff helps to process this "anticipatory grief." After the death, support groups, counseling, and education are offered for 15 months.

dignity

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This medical specialty is solely focused on end-of-life care. A team of health professionals addresses the entire scope of issues surrounding the end-of-life including pain relief and symptom control, strengthening personal relationships, life review and spiritual care. HKC knows no two people are ever the same; all care is always tailored to meet the personal goals of each patient and their family. Few doctors and nurses outside hospice have this specialized training.

how is hospice paid for?

If you are a Medicare, Medicaid or Tricare recipient, your hospice care is covered 100% including medications.

Private Insurance / HMOs:

Just like Medicare, nearly every private insurer includes a hospice benefit. HKC will work with your insurer to maximize your available hospice benefit.

compassion

volunteering

This Hospice was started by volunteers 30 years ago. Today, more than ever, HKC relies on volunteers to assist in every area of the organization. Training is provided. If you are interested in volunteering, contact the Director of Volunteer Services at 360.698.4611.

comfort