

*It is not the strength  
of the body that  
counts, but the  
strength of the spirit.*  
-J.R.R. Tolkien

A SPECIAL  
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INPATIENT  
HOSPICE CARE



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## WHEN IS HOSPICE NEEDED IN A HOSPITAL?

Sometimes inpatient hospice care is needed, necessary and appropriate when a patient with a terminal prognosis has acute pain or other symptoms that cannot be managed outside the hospital setting.

Hudson Valley Hospice complements the care that is being provided in the hospital, providing expertise in end of life pain and symptom management.

The purpose of inpatient hospice care is to provide short-term comprehensive palliative interventions to relieve acute pain and symptoms and, when possible, allow the patient to be discharged to their prior level of care once their symptoms are controlled.

Our entire clinical team, including doctors, nurse practitioners, nurses, social workers and chaplains work together with the hospital team to support our patients and their loved ones.

## WHAT SERVICES DO WE PROVIDE IN THE HOSPITAL?

Hudson Valley Hospice offers a range of services, which when started early, will increase overall quality of life for the patient's final months, weeks, days or hours. These include:

- Certified hospice and palliative care nurses who provide daily assessments and interventions to ensure symptoms such as pain, shortness of breath, anxiety and other forms of distress are managed and patients are comfortable.
- Social Workers who provide emotional support for patients and their loved ones. When appropriate, they help with discharge planning and coordinate care and additional supports so patients can safely return home, wherever that may be.
- Access to all of Hudson Valley Hospice's services, including chaplains, end-of-life doulas, music therapists, grief and bereavement services, volunteers, a host of complementary therapies and more.

## WHERE IS INPATIENT HOSPICE CARE PROVIDED?

When a hospital physician feels the specialized care that hospice provides would be best, they consult our team to assess and determine eligibility for inpatient hospice services. Once eligibility is confirmed, we collaborate with the hospital physician, patient and their loved ones to determine when hospice service will begin.

Area hospitals in Dutchess and Ulster Counties turn to Hudson Valley Hospice because we are experts in providing outstanding end of life care. We provide inpatient hospice care at:

- Ellenville Regional Hospital
- HealthAlliance Hospital
- MidHudson Regional Hospital
- Northern Dutchess Hospital
- Vassar Brothers Medical Center

*We are here to help.* Please call **845.240.7555** for more information.