

HOSPICE CARE

Considered the model for quality compassionate care for people facing a life-limiting illness, hospice provides expert medical care, pain management, and emotional and spiritual support expressly tailored to the patient's needs and wishes. Support is provided to the patient's family as well.

Hospice focuses on caring, not curing.

How is hospice care delivered?

Members of the hospice staff make regular visits to assess the patient and provide additional care or other services. Hospice staff is on-call 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Volunteers

Physicians

Social workers

Spiritual and Bereavement counselors

Hospice Aid

Therapists

Nurses

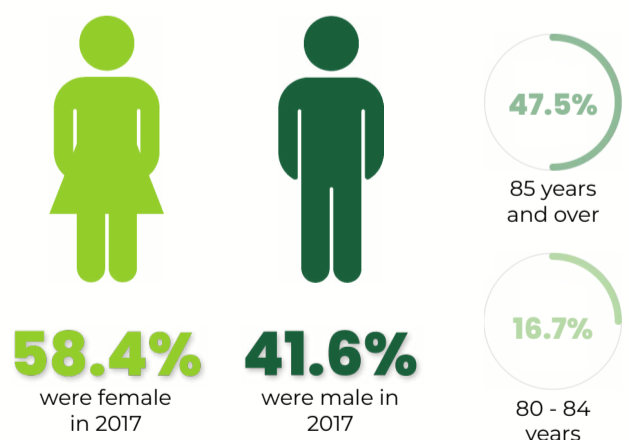
Patients and family

What services are provided?

The interdisciplinary hospice team:

- Manages the patient's pain and other symptoms;
- Assists the patient and family members with the emotional, psychosocial, and spiritual aspects of dying;
- Provides medications and medical equipment;
- Instructs the family on how to care for the patient;
- Provides grief support and counseling;
- Makes short-term inpatient care available when pain or symptoms become too difficult to manage at home, or the caregiver needs respite time;
- Delivers special services like speech and physical therapy when needed;
- Provides grief support and counseling to surviving family and friends.

Who received hospice care?



Levels of care

Hospice patients may require differing intensities of care during the course of their disease.

