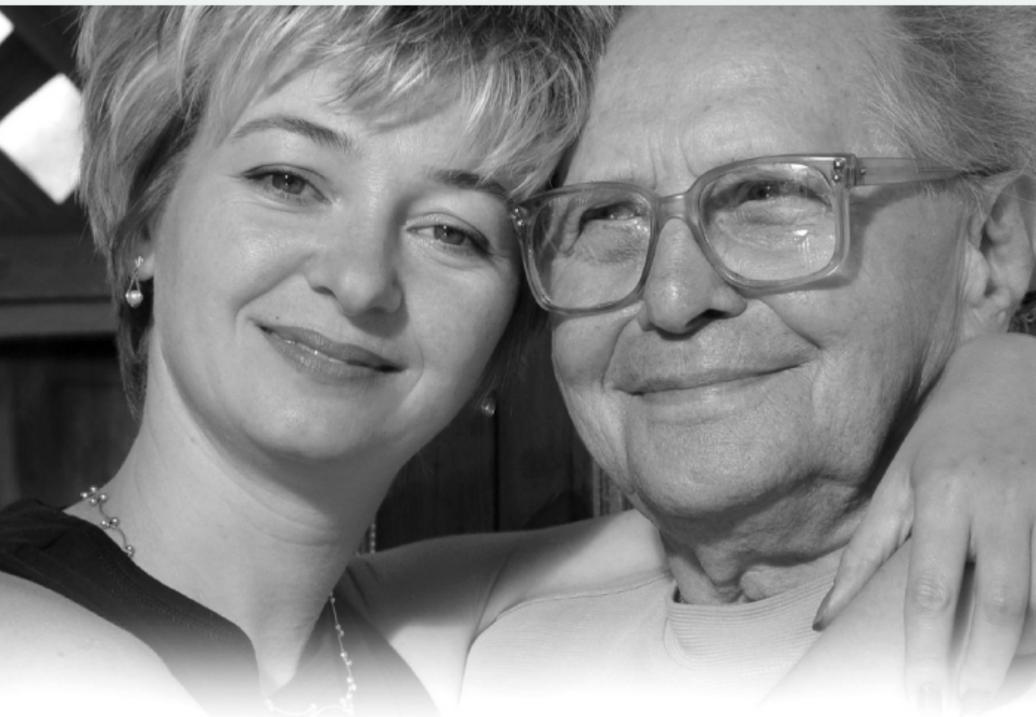




# Hospice Care at Home

Facing a serious illness is never easy. At Hospice of the Piedmont, we offer the comfort of our experience to families like yours facing the most difficult times.

For those with a life-limiting illness, Hospice of the Piedmont provides physical, emotional, and spiritual care right at home where patients feel most comfortable. Hospice care is designed to help individuals make the most of life's remaining times. At the heart of Hospice care is the belief that everyone has the right to die pain free, with dignity, and with support for their loved ones. Studies have shown that patients who receive Hospice care generally live longer and more comfortably than those who do not.



## *Who can receive Hospice care?*

Any person in the later stages of a serious illness is eligible when:

- *Their primary physician feels that if the disease continues in the expected course, the patient's life expectancy is measured in months as opposed to years.*
- *They want to focus on quality of life and optimum comfort with pain and symptoms well managed.*
- *They desire to discontinue curative therapies which are no longer effective.*

Hospice of the Piedmont cares for patients with any terminal diagnosis ranging from all types of cancer to heart disease, Alzheimer's, pulmonary disease, AIDS, ALS, and many other conditions.



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## *How does someone become a Hospice patient?*

Making a referral to Hospice of the Piedmont is simple — just call us at 336.889.8446. Anyone can request information about our services without obligation. Our Hospice team is available to help you or your physician determine if hospice care is the right choice. Patients may change their minds about receiving Hospice care at any time. Patients and families lead the Hospice team and are always included in the decision-making process—their opinions and wishes matter the most.

## *What services does Hospice of the Piedmont provide?*

Hospice is an interdisciplinary team approach. Specially-trained registered nurses make regular visits to assess the patient's medical and physical condition. On-call staff is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year, if needed. Nursing assistants provide personal care for the patient, as desired, including assistance with bathing, grooming, and other tasks. Medical social workers offer emotional support, help assess needs, coordinate resources, and address financial concerns. Arrangements are made for medical equipment, supplies, and medications needed by the patient. Other members of the Hospice team include the patient's own physician and the Hospice medical director, therapists as needed, chaplain services for spiritual support, trained patient/family volunteers for added support and companionship, and grief counselors.

## *How is Hospice care paid for?*

Hospice services are reimbursed by Medicare, Medicaid, and private insurance coverage, taking the burden off the family. With generous community support, no one is turned away or denied optimal care by Hospice of the Piedmont because of financial resources.



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