

FHN Hospice

A special way of caring



The vision of FHN Hospice is to create an awareness and acceptance of death and bereavement as part of life's experiences.

We are committed to providing sensitive, comforting care to terminally ill patients and their families in Carroll, Jo Daviess, Ogle, Stephenson, and Winnebago counties of northwest Illinois.



Hospice Services

Care provided by a Hospice team

Many people with different skills provide a team approach to care. This interdisciplinary team consists of the Hospice medical director, your primary physician, a nurse, a medical social worker, a home health aide, volunteers and clergy. The team meets to coordinate each patient's care to meet the specific, unique needs of that person and his or her family.

Teaching of care techniques for family and friends

Sharing in the care of a loved one can be very rewarding. Family and friends benefit from the teaching and support of the team, enabling their loved one to remain at home.

Help available at any time!

Assistance is a phone call away 24 hours a day, seven days a week with our on-call staff.

Bereavement Support

Hospice helps prepare family and friends for the loss of a loved one, and also provides the additional support often needed after the loss occurs.

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Hospice is a special kind of care. In medieval times, “Hospice” described a place of shelter for the weary or sick travelers on long journeys. Today, the term continues to mean compassion for people traveling the most difficult journey of life – terminal illness.

FHN Hospice is a concept of care providing non-curative yet supportive services. We care for the physical, emotional, social and spiritual needs of our patients and their families as they deal with this period of illness and bereavement. Our emphasis is to assist families who desire to care for their loved one during the final phases of life.



How Hospice Works

Hospice is a coordinated healthcare program focusing on the individual needs of each patient in the final six months of life, and enabling family members to share in caregiving. A team of trained professionals – physicians, nurses, counselors, therapists, aides and volunteers – provide care and support not only to the patient, but to the entire family.

Hospice care strives to enable patients to live a full, quality home life as comfortable, pain-free and alert as possible. We help patients manage their symptoms. While physical care controls pain and discomfort, emotional and spiritual support will help patients and their families experience a peaceful death. Care provided in the home encourages families to draw closer and enriches their lives. Hospice also provides relief to caregivers who may exhaust themselves and neglect their own needs.

Patients are usually referred to Hospice by their primary care physician. Family members, friends, clergy or other health professionals can also make referrals.

Family, friends and volunteers provide much day-to-day care in the Hospice program. Hospice is a covered benefit under most private insurance plans. Medicare and Medicaid also provide financial coverage.

The Medicare and Medicaid hospice benefits cover:

- Nursing services on an intermittent basis
- Physician services
- Drugs, including out-patient drugs for pain relief and symptom management
- Physical, occupational, and speech/language therapy
- Home health aide and homemaker services
- Medical supplies and appliances
- Short-term inpatient care, including respite
- Medical social services
- Spiritual, dietary, and other counseling
- Continuous care during periods of crisis
- Trained volunteers
- Bereavement services

It is the philosophy of FHN Hospice to provide services to all persons without regard to race, creed, color, sex, national origin, diagnosis, handicap, age, or ability to pay.

To learn more about this special kind of care, call FHN Hospice at 815-599-7240 or (toll-free) 877-873-3621.



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