



Specialized Programs

Hope Hospice & Palliative Care Rhode Island also offers a number of specialized programs that expand its range of services even further. They include:

Palliative Care - Palliative care and the medical specialty of palliative medicine provide relief from the symptoms and stress of a serious illness. The goal is to improve quality of life for both you and your family. It is appropriate at any age and any stage in a serious illness, and it can be provided along with curative treatment.

Hope Hospice RI's board-certified palliative care team of specialists includes physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, nurses, care transition coordinators and social workers. We work with patients and families to provide an additional layer of support and to help them achieve a better understanding of their illness and all of their treatment options. Palliative care provides education and support to patients and caregivers, focusing on setting realistic goals that align with individual patient values.

Our services span the continuum of care in Rhode Island. You can receive palliative care services at:

- Our outpatient clinic, the Hope Palliative Care Center
- Your home with Visiting Nurse of HopeHealth
- The hospital (Rhode Island Hospital, The Miriam Hospital, Newport Hospital and South County Hospital)
- Skilled rehabilitation facilities and nursing homes

Bereavement Program - All Rhode Island individuals or families who have experienced a loss, regardless of whether they have an established relationship with Hope Hospice & Palliative Care Rhode Island, are welcome to participate in the Bereavement Program. The program offers: individual and family counseling, a variety of support groups and specially designed services for children ages four to 17 including Camp BraveHeart, a two-day summer camp that focuses on helping children work through their grief.

Complementary Therapies - Volunteers from the Rhode Island community share their talents and skills to offer a number of complementary therapies for patients such as Reiki therapy, music therapy and pet therapy.

When to Call Us

If you are thinking about hospice or palliative care, then it's time to call. A referral or inquiry to Hope Hospice & Palliative Care Rhode Island can be made by anyone, including the patient, loved one, family member, friend, clergy, hospital staff or physician.

Call our Referral Center at (401) 782-0725. We will help you decide which of our services will best fit your needs.



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When you, a family member,

a loved one or a friend is

diagnosed with a serious

illness, life changes

dramatically. There are

difficult decisions to make.

You experience a wide range

of emotions. You try to process

the fact that the time you

have left with the people who

mean the most is coming to

an end. Most importantly,

you realize the importance of

making every moment count.

Supporting Patients’ and Families’ Medical, Emotional and Spiritual Needs

For over 40 years, Hope Hospice & Palliative Care Rhode Island has been a valuable source of care, comfort and support to patients with serious illnesses and their families. As the second oldest hospice in the country and the largest non-profit hospice in New England, Hope Hospice & Palliative Care Rhode Island has set the gold standard for end-of-life care.

What is Hospice?

Hospice is a specialized program that offers medical, emotional and spiritual care for people with serious illnesses and their families. Hospice focuses on caring and comfort, not cure, and is offered to adults, children and infants facing the advanced stages of such diseases as cancer, Alzheimer’s disease, AIDS, end-stage heart and lung disease, kidney disease, liver disease and neurological disorders such as Parkinson’s and Lou Gehrig’s disease.

Contact Us

To learn more about Hope Hospice & Palliative Care Rhode Island, please visit HopeHospiceRI.org or call us at (401) 415-4200.

What Does Hospice Provide?

- Physician services for the medical direction of the patient’s care
- Regular visits by nurses
- Medical supplies, such as catheters and bandages
- Medical equipment, such as hospital beds and wheelchairs
- Delivery of medications, medical supplies and equipment
- Pain and symptom management
- Home health aide services for personal care
- Emotional and spiritual care
- Grief counseling
- Volunteer support
- Short-term inpatient and respite care
- Physical, occupational and speech therapy

Who is the Hospice Team?

An exceptional team of healthcare professionals works closely with each other, with patients and families, and with the patient’s personal physician to coordinate care and deliver services based on each patient’s individual needs and wishes. In addition to delivering the highest quality of care, they are committed to enhancing quality of life and to preserving dignity and respect. The team is comprised of the following members:

- Hospice Physicians
- Registered Nurses
- Nursing Assistants
- Social Workers
- Chaplains
- Grief Counselors
- Volunteer Coordinators
- Trained Volunteers

Where is Hospice Provided?

Hospice care is available to patients in a variety of settings. While home is the most common and the preferred place for many patients, it is not always possible or even desirable for all hospice patients. Individual patient needs determine the location for delivery of hospice care. Patients can receive the services of the hospice team at home, in the hospital, in nursing homes, assisted living communities, group homes and at Hope Hospice & Palliative Care Rhode Island’s Philip Hulitar Hospice Center.

How is Hospice Care Paid For?

The financial costs of Hope Hospice & Palliative Care Rhode Island’s services never stand in the way of an individual receiving the services they need to enhance their comfort and well-being. Medicare’s “Hospice Benefit” covers hospice at 100%. Medicaid and most private insurers also cover care provided by the hospice team, as well as medications related to the illness, medical supplies and medical equipment. If you are concerned about hospice payment for services, please call us.

How is Palliative Care Paid For?

Most insurance plans, including Medicare and Medicaid, cover palliative care. It is handled like other medical services, such as oncology or cardiology.