Specialized Programs

HopeHealth Hospice & Palliative Care 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. You can receive palliative care services at inpatient and outpatient facilities, nursing homes and assisted living facilities where we provide this service and at home through HopeHealth Visiting Nurse.

**Grief Support Services**
The Center for Hope & Healing at HopeHealth offers individual and family counseling to anyone who has had a loved one under the care of HopeHealth. The center’s counselors are skilled clinicians experienced in grief and loss issues. In addition, the center welcomes anyone in the community to participate in 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**
Specially trained hospice volunteers share their talents and skills to offer a number of complementary therapies for patients such as Reiki, music and sound therapy, pet therapy, hand massage, meditation and mindfulness exercises.

For more information call (844) 671-4673 or visit us at HopeHealthCo.org.
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. Most importantly, you realize the importance of making every moment count.

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.

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 the HopeHealth Hullitar Hospice Center.

How is Hospice Care Paid For?
The financial costs of HopeHealth Hospice & Palliative Care’s services never stand in the way of an individual receiving the services they need. Medicare’s “Hospice Benefit” covers hospice at 100%. Medicaid and most private insurers also cover hospice care, as well as medications related to the illness, medical supplies and medical equipment.

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