

When You Are Ready...

- ♥ The support provided by Hospice means our patients and their families can focus on living until the end of life.
- ♥ Hospice patients can stay at the Ida Emmerson Hospice House when critical care is needed or for five day relief for caregivers. Short term residential care is also available.
- ♥ The Hospice team cares for the whole person, providing medical, personal, and spiritual support.
- ♥ Our hospice nurses and medical providers are skilled in pain management and comfort care.
- ♥ Hospice volunteers improve the quality of life for the patient by providing companionship by engaging in life review, by helping with practical tasks, and in many other ways.
- ♥ Support for dealing with grief is available to family members during the patient's illness and after the patient's death.
- ♥ It is a patient's right and a choice for families to have Hospice support and care at the end of life.
- ♥ Patients with any disease, not just cancer, can enroll to receive Hospice benefits when the patient has a six months terminal prognosis.
- ♥ A consistent response on Hospice family satisfaction surveys is "I wish we had enrolled sooner."

A special kind of caring



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When to call Hospice

Call Hospice for an informational visit and an evaluation if the person has either of the following:

- ♥ Received a terminal diagnosis
- ♥ Been hospitalized twice in the last year due to symptoms of a chronic illness

Or if you notice that the person is experiencing two or more of the following:

- ♥ A continuous decline in overall health
- ♥ Progressive loss of function
- ♥ Decreased mobility or ability to walk
- ♥ Decreased ability to perform daily self-care activities
- ♥ Less interest in interacting with others
- ♥ Weight loss and/or reduced appetite
- ♥ Increased fatigue and/or increased sleeping
- ♥ Delayed wound healing
- ♥ Bowel or bladder incontinence
- ♥ Repeated falls

Remember there is no cost or obligation for an informational visit. Hospice of Humboldt can arrange family meetings to discuss options for end of life care for your loved one.

We are here to help.
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