

HOSPICE CARE FOR CANCER PATIENTS

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If you're considering hospice, when is the best time to bring it up?

Melodia Care aims to improve the quality of life for cancer patients whose time on earth is numbered. Compassionate care aims to meet all of the patient's needs, regardless of how serious the illness may be.

Cancer-free living is an ideal, but it's possible that a patient's cancer will become uncontrollable or that treatment won't work as well as expected. End-stage cancer patients are those with a prognosis of six months or less after diagnosis. Another factor that may be important in determining whether or not a patient requires hospice care is:

- When the patient's condition is rapidly deteriorating and the cancer is spreading.

when treatment is not as effective as it could or should be.

- When the costs of treatment outweigh the benefits to the patient and their family.

Because all hospice organizations receive the same reimbursement, there is no price competition. When comparing hospices, look for the level of service and range of options.

Anyone interested in hospice care should make an inquiry. You, a loved one, or your doctor can ask for an assessment to see if hospice is the best option for care for you or your loved one. To learn more about Melodia care, give us a call today.

End-of-life care for cancer patients.

Melodia care has become the gold standard in palliative cancer treatment. Melodia care not only looks after the patient's physical health, but also their emotional well-being and sense of dignity. Only a hospice can put into action a care strategy that includes the following components:

- **Pain and symptom control:** Patient comfort, ease of daily activities, and control over day-to-day decisions are the primary goals of Melodia care specialists who specialize in the management of pain and symptom management
- **Care wherever you call home:** Melodia care provides medical management in the patient's home, nursing home,



- assisted living community, or an inpatient hospice setting when appropriate.
- **Coordination of care:** This interdisciplinary team coordinates and supervises all aspects of the patient's care plan, ensuring that information flows between the doctor, nurses, social workers and clergy as well as medication, medical supplies and equipment related to the diagnosis.
- **Support on an emotional and spiritual level:** Melodia care recognizes the importance of providing emotional and spiritual support to those who are nearing the end of their lives, as well as their families. These vital resources are available to meet your specific needs regardless of your desire for counselling or your religious beliefs.
- **Support following a loss**
Bereavement is the period of time immediately following the loss of a friend one: As the grieving process unfolds, the hospice care team works closely with the patient's surviving family members. For a year or more

after a death, people can access grief and bereavement support services.

Levels of hospice care

Known as a pioneer in the field of hospice care, Melodia care takes great pride in providing unmatched service at all four levels of care.

- **Routine home care:** accessible wherever the patient calls home (a house, a nursing home, or an assisted living complex).
- **Intensive Comfort Care (Continuous Care):** medical supervision at home for up to 24 hours per day if medically necessary in the form of Intensive Comfort Care.
- **Inpatient Care:** When medical needs can't be met at home, patients are admitted to an inpatient facility for treatment.
- **Respite Care:** For caregivers, respite care is an opportunity to give the patient a brief break from their caregiving duties.

Who pays for Melodia Care services?

Hospice services provided by are covered by Medicare, Medicaid/Medi-Cal, private insurance, and other funding sources.

Melodia Care Healthcare may be able to assist you in your search. Visit our website at melodiacare.com or contact us by phone at 1-888 635-6347.

Your Melodia care team

A highly skilled interdisciplinary team coordinates the care of end-stage cancer patients because they have a wide range of needs.

- In addition to the primary care physician, the patient's pain and symptoms are managed by this physician.
- A licensed practical or vocational nurse with expertise in the assessment and management of pain.
- A social worker who offers emotional support as well as assistance with money management and budgeting issues.

- Personal care and hygiene assistance, light housekeeping, light laundry, and shopping as needed are all responsibilities of a hospice aide.
- A chaplain who works with the patient's existing clergy to provide spiritual support for the patient.
- Melodia care-trained community volunteer offers time and companionship as a service to the community.
- An expert in bereavement care and support who helps with memorial services as well as caring for departed loved ones.





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