

## Palliative Services

Not all Palliative Care programs are the same. Heart of Hospice Comfort Care includes the following services on an outpatient basis:

- ♥ Treatment to relieve pain and other symptoms.
- ♥ Patient and family counseling.
- ♥ Emotional and spiritual support.
- ♥ Help in planning for care after the hospital stay.
- ♥ Help with treatment choices and decisions.
- ♥ Support for the families and caregivers as well as the patient.
- ♥ Bereavement counseling



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For more information about us, our team of Caregivers, grief support, frequently asked questions, or detailed discussions about our services, please visit us on-line at [www.HeartOfHospice.Org](http://www.HeartOfHospice.Org) or call our office at 541-386-1942.

The Non-Profit Heart of Hospice Foundation supports all Hospice patients in the community through its Mission of supporting Heart to Heart Care and providing emotional and financial support to Hospice patients and families in need.

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## TRANSITIONS

*Palliative Care Program*



*Easing the Suffering of Illness*

*Serving the Columbia Gorge*

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## What is Palliative Care?

“Palliate” means to ease, and the focus of Palliative Care is to ease the suffering that results from illness.

Palliative Care provides treatment for your symptoms, even when the underlying disease cannot be cured. The main goals are to relieve your pain and other discomfort and to reduce you and your family’s stress.

Palliative Care also provides information to help you better live with serious physical illness. It considers emotional, social, and spiritual needs as well.

Palliative Care will help you and your family achieve a better quality of life during your illness.

## What is a Serious Illness?

Many people suffer from an advanced illness or chronic disease. These may include, but are not limited to, individuals with:

HIV/AIDS	Heart Disease
Cancer	Chronic Lung Disease
Diabetes	Chronic Liver Disease
Stroke	Chronic Kidney Disease
Dementia or Alzheimer’s	

Heart of Hospice is Medicare/Medicaid Certified  
Accredited, Oregon Hospice Association (OHA)  
Member, National Hospice and Palliative Care  
Organization (NHPCO)

## Why Choose Palliative Care?

The goal of Palliative Care is to provide comfort to seriously ill patients and their families through symptom and pain management, communication, and support. It is offered together with all other medical treatments and can begin early on in the illness, even at the time of diagnosis.

## Palliative Care or Hospice?

All Hospice Care is Palliative Care, but not all Palliative Care is Hospice Care.

Palliative Care can begin as soon as a patient is diagnosed with a serious illness and can be provided at the same time as curative or life prolonging treatment. Hospice Care focuses on the unique needs of terminally ill patients.

Call for a free consultation, even for referral at a later time.

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