

Palliative Care vs Hospice Care

| | PALLIATIVE CARE | HOSPICE |
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| WHO'S ELIGIBLE? | Patients that have long-term illnesses regardless of the stage and treatment plan. | Hospice is intended for patients who have an illness that may allow a patient to live 6 months or less. |
| WHAT DOES IT INVOLVE? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Symptom management • Assistance with making medical decisions and developing medical treatment plans. • Assistance with spiritual, emotional, and financial support. • Coordination of proper levels of care | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Symptom management • Assistance with end-of-life planning and treatments. • Assistance with spiritual, emotional, and financial support. • A unique designated plan of care that is specific to patient and family's wishes to provide the best comfort care. |
| ARE CURATIVE TREATMENTS STILL AN OPTION? | Yes, patients can continue curative treatments including dialysis, chemo, etc. | No, patients are acknowledging the preference of comfort care and being at peace with their terminal diagnosis. |
| CAN YOU PARTICIPATE IN LIFE-PROLONGING TREATMENTS? | Yes, if you wish | No, life-prolonging treatments are discontinued for comfort care. |
| WHO ISN INVOLVED IN THE CARE? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Primary Care Physician • Palliative Nurse Practitioner • Registered Nurse • Social Workers • Your team of physician specialists | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hospice Physician • Registered Nurse • Social Worker • Hospice Aide • Chaplain • Therapies when used for comfort measures. |
| WHERE ARE SERVICES PROVIDED? | Noble provides palliative services in the comfort of your own home. | Noble provides routine hospice services in your home or place of which you consider home including Assisted Living's and long term care facilities. Noble is also able to assist with General Inpatient and Respite care for medically unstable and caregiver burnout. |
| HOW LONG WILL SERVICES LAST? | As long as resources are needed or requested. | As long as Hospice Physician qualifies patient as having a 6 month or less terminal diagnosis. |
| WHEN IS SERVICES AVAILABLE? | At any time that the patient feels they need help managing their acute symptoms. | At any time that a patient receives notice of a terminal illness and elects comfort care. |
| HOW IS IT COVERED? | Insurance may have a carve out just as any normal physician visit. | Medicare and most private insurances cover it 100% after a terminal prognosis is given. |