



KANSAS PALLIATIVE CARE

THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN



HOSPICE CARE



PALLIATIVE CARE

Both Hospice and Palliative Care focus on improving the quality of life for the patient of any age through symptom management and supportive care.

HOSPICE CARE...

- Offers care for people who are living with a terminal illness
- Focuses on symptom management and comfort, when curative treatment is no longer possible or desired
- Offered at the end stage of an illness, often in the last six months of life

TREATMENT



PALLIATIVE CARE...

- Offers care to those who are living with a serious life-limiting illness.
- Can be offered while a person is receiving curative or life-prolonging medical treatment
- Available at any stage of a disease

- Patient must be terminally ill
- Patient agrees to not pursue life-prolonging measures
- Public and private insurance may have individualized guidelines

ELIGIBILITY



- Presence of a serious life-limiting illness
- May require a physician referral

- Doctor
- Nurse
- Nurse Aide
- Social Worker
- Chaplain
- Volunteers

TEAM



- Current Primary Care Provider
- Care Coordinator
- Doctor
- Nurse
- Nurse Practitioner
- Social Worker
- Chaplain

- Pain and symptom management
- Improved quality of life
- Support the natural process of dying

GOAL



- Disease education and help in choosing treatment options
- Pain and symptom management
- Help and support in coping with stressors
- Improved quality of life

- Home
- Acute in patient Hospice Long Term Care Unit
- Assisted Living Facility
- Hospital
- Long-term Care

LOCATION



- Home
- Skilled Nursing Facility
- Assisted Living Facility
- Long-term Care Facility
- Clinic
- Hospital

- Medicare hospice benefit
- Medicaid
- Private Insurance

PAYMENT



- Private Insurance
- Medicare Part B
- Medicaid

AVAILABILITY & EMERGENCIES

- ON CALL, 24 hours a day, 7-days a week
- Call hospice team before you call 911



- Regular business hours 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- Call 911