

MERCY HOSPICE

Mercy Hospice is a not-for-profit, faith-based community service, providing care for terminally ill patients and their families. We are Medicare certified, licensed by the state of Oklahoma, Accreditation Commission for Home Healthcare (ACHC), Community Health Accreditation Program (CHAPS) and the Joint Commission.

Philosophy

Mercy Hospice embraces the philosophy that death is not a medical failure, but a part of life – an opportunity to affirm the circle of life. Our goal is to offer supportive care that addresses the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of patients.

Services Provided

- Routine nursing visits
- Personal care
- Spiritual care
- Social and emotional care
- Physician visits from medical director
- Tangible support – home medical equipment, supplies
- Medications to control symptoms as the disease process advances
- Pain management
- Therapies
- Nationally certified registered nurses
- Nationally certified hospice aids
- Chaplains are board certified
- Volunteers to assist with errands, office work, special events, etc.
- Grief support group – first Tuesday of every month

Eligibility

- Life expectancy of 6 months or less if illness runs its natural course.
- Certified as terminally ill by attending physician and hospice medical director.
 - Examples include:
 - Advanced stages of cancer; off chemotherapy and radiation
 - End stage heart disease
 - End stage pulmonary disease
 - End stage renal disease
 - Adult failure to thrive
 - Advanced dementia
 - Coma/stroke
 - ALS
 - End stage liver disease
- Chooses not to seek aggressive care.

The patient or patient representative must sign a statement selecting Mercy Hospice.

Starting Hospice

- Talk to your doctor
- Contact Mercy Hospice for an informational visit
- Request an order for a hospice consult (if your loved one is hospitalized or in a nursing home)

Hospice care can usually begin within 24 hours.

Payment

There are a few options, which may include:

- Medicare Part A; no co-pay (Medicare reimburses hospice directly for professional services rendered)

- Private insurance
- Private Pay

Volunteer Opportunities

- Direct patient companionship
- Running errands
- Office work
- Knitting/sewing
- Special events
- Singing
- House cleaning
- Pet therapy

Contact Us

Call 405-486-8600 for more information.

Donations

Donations are used to help support the not-for-profit hospice program. These gifts are tax deductible. Check with your professional tax advisor. Please make checks payable to:

Mercy Foundation
4300 W. Memorial Road
Oklahoma City, OK 73120