

Hospice Care - Fraser Health

“Although this was a difficult time for us the hospice staff and volunteers made us feel very comfortable and at ease. They took very good care of my father. They treated him with dignity and respect, like their own father. They gave comfort to our family when we were in need to talk to someone, or just to sit next to us in silence holding our hands.”



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"You matter because you are you and you matter until the last moment of your life. We will do all we can to help you not only to die peacefully, but to live until you die "

Dame Cicely Saunders (1976)
Founder of modern hospice movement

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What is a hospice?

- ✿ A home - like setting that provides comfort care for people who are in their last weeks or months of life.
- ✿ Care is focused on the quality of life. Treatment focus is pain and symptom management.



How is a hospice different from other care settings?

At hospice:

- ✿ Visiting hours are flexible
- ✿ Visitors can stay overnight
- ✿ Pets can visit during the day
- ✿ Family/Friends can bring food
- ✿ Access to virtual visits



Who can be admitted to hospice?

For admission to hospice a person must:

- * Have care needs that cannot be supported at home or long term care
- * Have a life expectancy of weeks to months
- * Agree to Medical Orders for Scope of Treatment (MOST) M1 or M2



Which hospice will I go to?

The palliative care consultation team, through discussions with you, your family, friends and your physician, help identify the most appropriate hospice location.

A list of Fraser Health Hospices is enclosed.



There is a daily cost to stay in hospice. See the enclosed "Daily Hospice Cost" form. If you have any questions please talk to the hospice social worker.

Who provides the care?



In addition to the palliative physician and nursing support on-site, the hospice also provides patients with access to social workers, spiritual practitioner, hospice volunteers, translator and pharmacy services.

What kind of care is provided?

Hospice is a family friendly place that:

- ✿ Supports you and your family/friends
- ✿ Focuses on physical, psychological, social, and spiritual needs
- ✿ Identifies what is important to you
- ✿ Helps achieve your end of life wishes

