



Hospice

and Palliative Care of Greensboro

Hospice Talking Points

- The hospice philosophy holds that end-of-life care should emphasize quality of life.
- Approximately eight million people experience the death of a loved one each year.
- One in every four households includes a working caregiver.
- Forty-three percent of HPCG's patients have a diagnosis of cancer, while 57 percent of patients have non-cancer diagnoses, such as congestive heart failure, lung disease, AIDS, Alzheimer's, kidney failure and Parkinson's disease.
- Nine out of 10 adults would prefer to be cared for at home rather than in a hospital or nursing home if diagnosed with a terminal illness.
- An overwhelming majority of adults say they would be interested in the comprehensive program of care at home that hospice programs provide; yet, most Americans know little or nothing about their eligibility for an availability of hospice.
- Hospice addresses the whole range of physical and psychological needs of the patient and his or her family, which makes hospice a different model of care.
- Hospice treats the person instead of the disease, focusing on the family instead of just the individual, and emphasizes quality of life instead of its duration.
- Hospice uses the combined knowledge and skill of an interdisciplinary team of professionals, including physicians, nurses, hospice aides, social workers, chaplains, bereavement counselors and volunteers.
- Our care is available for all ages and is a covered benefit under the most insurance plans, Medicare and Medicaid.
- Thanks to generous community support and our nonprofit mission, no one is denied services due to an inability to pay.

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