



# Palliative Care

A program of  
Hospice and Palliative Care of Greensboro



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## What is Palliative Care?

Palliative care is specialized medical care for people with serious illnesses. Through this consultation service, we can help patients and families achieve better quality of life by assisting with advance care planning, relieving symptoms of the serious illness and establishing goals of care.

## Who provides Palliative Care?

HPCG's palliative care team is formed by board-certified nurse practitioners, a nurse clinical navigator, social worker, program coordinator and physician medical director.

## Who can benefit from Palliative Care?

- **Patients with life-limiting illnesses**, including: Cancer, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), congestive heart failure (CHF), kidney disease, liver disease, dementia, HIV/AIDS, stroke, persistent coma and many others.
- **Patients or families wishing to discuss advanced care planning**, including: Understanding your illness and choices for medical care, review of advance directives, help with navigating the health system and comfort-directed therapy.
- **Patients with symptoms and stress of a serious illness**, including: Pain, dyspnea, nausea, vomiting, coughing, delirium, insomnia, anxiety, agitation and severe dysphagia.

## Where does HPCG offer Palliative Care?

- Homes and independent living areas of retirement communities.
- Skilled nursing and assisted living facilities.

## Does my insurance pay for Palliative Care?

Medicare, Medicaid and most private insurances cover palliative care. Physical therapy or home health services can be received simultaneously with palliative care. Our program coordinator is available to answer any questions regarding cost concerns.

## How do I receive Palliative Care?

We need a verbal or written request from your provider. Our team will work in partnership with your provider by coordinating and communicating any changes in your plan of care needs or wishes.

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