



GRACE
HOSPICE

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COMES IN...

THE VALUE OF HOSPICE



Hospice is acknowledging that even though a loved one has a terminal condition, there are many days left that are still filled with life. Grace Hospice understands this stage of life, and the emotional toll it takes on a family. Using a team approach, we help the patient and their family by providing medical care, emotional and spiritual support, information and guidance necessary to enjoy their time together to fullest.

Our families say it best...

"We can't overstate the value of their extraordinary sensitivity and quality of care. Knowing what to expect when dealing with end-of-life stages made the journey much easier to walk, and Grace Hospice helped us on that path to her life's end."

Linda Bell Elliott

"We are so grateful you were recommended to us. Your excellent nursing skills were vital in keeping Dad comfortable. Your knowledge of the stages Dad would experience as we prepared for his journey's end proved invaluable in keeping our family together. We couldn't imagine walking through this with anyone else."

Tommy Gibson



FACTS ABOUT HOSPICE

Below are some basic facts about Hospice Care that may play an important role in choosing Grace Hospice as the right solution for your care. From the physical care of the patient, to the mental comfort we provide for the family, Grace Hospice eases the process and allows the patient and family to focus.

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- Hospice provides comfort & support services to people who are terminally ill.
- Hospice care is provided by a specially trained team that cares for the whole person including physical, emotional, social, and spiritual needs.
- The hospice team is made up of doctors, nurses, counselors, social workers, certified nurse's aides, pastors, and volunteers.
- Hospice provides support to family members caring for a terminally-ill person.
- Hospice is generally given in the home, but can also be provided in assisted living facilities and nursing homes.
- Hospice services may include medicines, physical care, counseling, equipment, and supplies related to the terminal illness.

– From Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

THE TRUTH ABOUT HOSPICE



Hospice is not a place, but a concept of care. More than 90% of hospice services are based in the home, allowing families to share their days in peace, comfort, and dignity. When the home setting is not an option, hospice care is also available at a hospital or assisted living facility.

Patients do not have to be bedridden to be eligible for hospice care. Hospice may be appropriate at the time of the diagnosis, regardless of the patient's physical condition. Many patients receiving hospice care continue to lead productive and rewarding lives.

The patient decides if and when hospice begins and who will provide the service. Though a physician must certify that a patient has been diagnosed with a terminal illness with a life expectancy of six months or less, it is the patient's right and decision to determine when hospice is appropriate and which program suits his or her needs.

A patient can continue to receive hospice care after 6 months. You can receive hospice care as long as your doctor and the hospice medical director continue to certify that you're terminally ill and have six months or less to live if the disease follows its normal course."

— From Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services





"Of all the decisions we had to make when my wife was ill - more chemo, more operations - calling Grace Hospice was the most important one of all."

- Billy Cross

After choosing hospice care, a patient can elect to return to curative medical treatment. If health improves, you may no longer need hospice care. You always have the right to stop your hospice care, and you will get the type of coverage you had before you chose a hospice program, such as treatment to cure the terminal illness. When eligible, you can go back to hospice care at any time."

- From Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

Hospice is not just for those diagnosed with cancer. Other diagnoses also may qualify, such as heart, liver, renal, and lung diseases; dementia; HIV; multiple strokes; and ALS.

A patient choosing hospice can still receive care from the primary care physician. Hospices work closely with the primary physician and consider the continuation of the patient-physician relationship to be of the highest priority.

Hospice means making the most of life. Rather than focus on the illness, hospice helps patients reclaim the spirit of life. It can lead to opportunities for reminiscence, laughter, and reunion, enabling a patient to live the rest of his or her life to the fullest.

ABOUT GRACE HOSPICE



The Grace Hospice Team

- Doctors
- Certified Nurse's Aides
- Nurses
- Pastors
- Counselors
- Volunteers
- Social Workers

Grace Hospice provides a specialized level of care that helps not only with pain management and comfort to the patient, but offers immeasurable peace of mind to friends and family. We will help prepare you for the journey, provide you with direction and support you physically, emotionally and spiritually along the way.



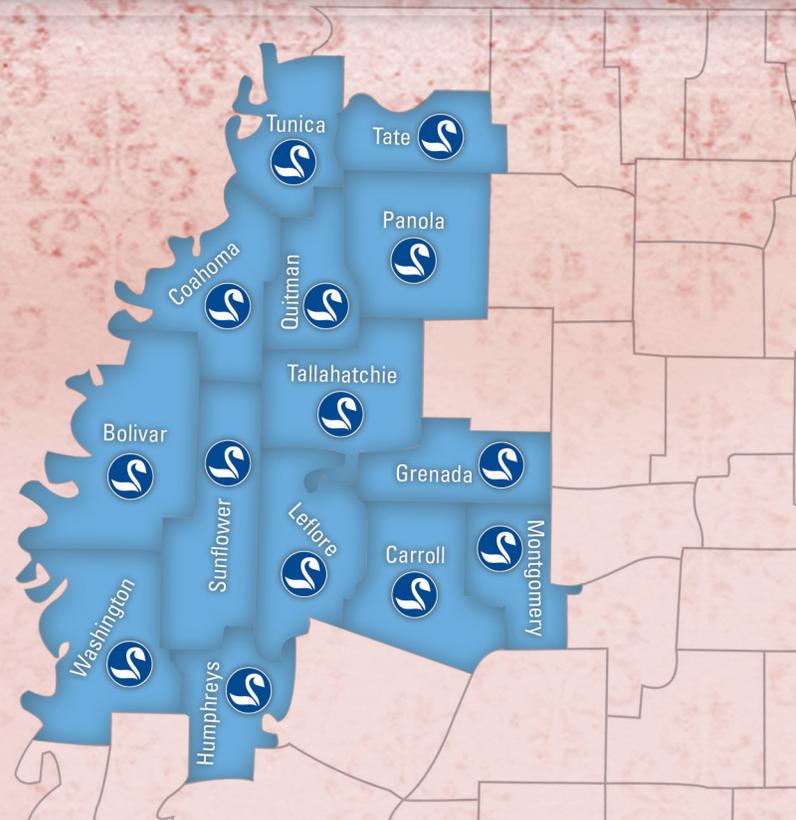


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