

Hospice Care At Home

A TYPICAL WEEK

MONDAY:

9 am: Nurse visit to assess and address pain, comfort, restlessness and other symptoms. Nurse talks with the doctor regarding medication and symptom management needs and provides the medications ordered. The nurse also talks with and educates the patient and family about symptoms at different stages of the dying process, personal care needs such as mouth care, skin care and changing an occupied bed.

1 pm: CNA visit to provide a bath, teach the family how to help the patient feel and be clean; help with dressing, walking and moving as well as assist with meals.

TUESDAY:

1 pm: Visit by physical therapist or occupational therapist for massage and movement that is helpful to reduce pain and address other physical changes.

WEDNESDAY:

10 am: Social worker visit to work on planning, coordinate spiritual care, schedule an outing and talk about the feelings and emotions of end-of-life.

THURSDAY:

11 am -2 pm: Registered hospice volunteer visits to provide time away for the family caregiver, play cards, read, scrapbook or other interests of the patient.

FRIDAY:

9 am: Visit from volunteer chaplain and/or members of patient's spiritual denomination.

24/7 & 365:

When the patient's condition changes, pain isn't well controlled with what the caregiver knows or something else that causes alarm occurs — there is an on-call hospice nurse on the other end of the phone — anytime day or night, holidays too! The nurse may be able to help over the phone or will come into the home right away. Home hospice patients can avoid going to the emergency department while receiving hospice care at home.



*This is an example of a week a patient could experience. Each type of visit into the home are scheduled anywhere from 1 time per week to everyday – all dependent on patient and family need.

**Outpatient hospice or hospice where the patient calls home (private residence, assisted living, group home or nursing home) is covered by Medicare/Medicaid and the majority of private insurance plans. Inpatient hospice (24 hr care/room & board) is not covered by Medicare or private insurance plans unless there are extenuating circumstances of uncontrolled symptoms.

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