

GRMC Hospice

For over 20 years, Guadalupe Regional Hospice Services has provided quality care to individuals with terminal illness. We focus on assisting our patients and families with pain, stress and anxiety.

We understand both patient and family members need support and reassurance during this trying time, and as such, we provide:

- Skilled nursing care
- Pain and symptom management
- Emotional and spiritual support
- Personal Care
- Caregiver education
- Observation and assessment of patient needs
- Assistance with daily routines or activities
- Guidance on end-of-life decisions such as advanced directives, do-not resuscitate orders and funeral planning
- Bereavement support and grief counseling

Hospice Services

Bereavement support - Family and loved ones are just as important to us as the patient. That's why at GRMC Hospice, we assist surviving family members in finding healthy outlets for emotional healing.

In-patient care - If pain or other symptoms worsen, we will contract for admission to a qualified general in-patient care facility until the patient's condition is manageable and tolerable.

Medical supplies, equipment and prescriptions - All medical supplies, equipment and prescriptions needed to properly care for the patient will be provided by GRMC Hospice.

Respite care - Inpatient respite care will be given to the beneficiary when necessary to relieve the family members or other loved ones. This care is provided occasionally and any number of situations may require respite care.

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Hospice Care at Guadalupe Regional Medical Center

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What is hospice?

Hospice is about embracing the hope to live as fully as possible, in comfort and dignity, even when faced with an advanced illness. Our hospice care focuses on the patient's quality of life, emotional support for both patient and family, at-home management of medical needs, as well as advanced management of pain and symptoms. Anyone can refer a patient to hospice; patients can even refer themselves.

Who is eligible for hospice care?

- Individuals with illnesses where curative measures are no longer effective
- Those who have been diagnosed with a life-limiting condition with a prognosis of 6 months or less
- Individuals do not have to be homebound to receive hospice care
- Eligibility for hospice services must be certified by the patient's attending physician and the hospice medical director.

When is it time for Hospice?

Primarily, it is time for hospice care when doctors give a prognosis of 6 months or less. It is ideal to start hospice care early to ensure both patient and family members fully benefit from the many services hospice provides.

Payment of hospice services

Medicare pays for 100% of allowable charges, including charges for medications, durable medical equipment, medical supplies, respite care and inpatient care related to the hospice diagnosis. Most private insurances plans, as well as Medicaid also offer hospice coverage.

Is hospice available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week?

Our Guadalupe Regional hospice staff is on call 24 hours a day. After regular hours, and on weekends or holidays, you may contact the Hospice on-call nurse for symptom management, changes in your health, and questions by calling GRMC at (830) 379.2411.

GRMC hospice provides:

- Medical Equipment
- Medications
- Hospitalization
- Respite Care
- Bereavement Support
- Memorial Service

For more information about GRMC hospice services, or to schedule a visit from our hospice team, please call 830.401.7561.

The hospice team

Medical Director - GRMC's Hospice physician works collaboratively with the patient's primary care physician, contributing to care focused on quality and comfort.

Registered Nurse/Licensed Practical Nurse - Our RN's and LVN's provide hands-on, personalized care during each visit. Services range from managing medications and supplies, to answering family and patient questions, our nurses are the core of our hospice team.

On-Call Nurse - A staff nurse will be on call 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. To contact our on-call nurse, please call (830) 379.2411.

Aides - Hospice aides at GRMC focus on a patient's personal care and ensuring the patient is as comfortable as possible to make the patient's day brighter.

Trained Volunteers - Our volunteers are dedicated to providing direct supportive care to patients as well as providing caregivers time to rest and take care of other responsibilities.

Social Services - Our social services provides a variety of specialized counseling to meet the emotional needs of both patient and family members.

Spiritual Care - GRMC's chaplains respect each patient's personal beliefs and are available to all hospice patients.