

HOSPICE SERVICES



Hospice care brings dignity, comfort and compassion to end-of-life care.

Hospice is not about dying; it's about living free of pain and surrounded by loved ones.

Hospice Atlanta has been a program of the nonprofit Visiting Nurse since 1983, caring for patients in the Metro Atlanta area regardless of age, diagnosis or income level. Our experienced, caring staff and volunteers provide service 24 hours a day.

The Leader in End-of-Life Care

Providing all levels of adult and pediatric hospice care, Hospice Atlanta was the first to offer Children's Hospice and Palliative Care, AIDS Health Services and the first hospice with an inpatient facility – the Hospice Atlanta Center. Hospice Atlanta is a licensed Medicare and Medicaid provider and accredited by The Joint Commission.

Lead by our full-time medical director, an interdisciplinary team of health care professionals and specially trained volunteers provide services in the home and in the Hospice Atlanta Center. Home visits by team members are regularly scheduled; on-call services are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. In the Hospice Atlanta Center, registered nurses are on duty 24 hours a day. Support services, such as emotional and spiritual counseling, are provided by other members of the patient's care team.

Quality Services Provided

- Full-time medical director
- Pre-admission consultation
- Family education and training
- Coordination with primary care physician
- Social work and counseling
- Pain management and symptom control
- Coordination of medical equipment and supplies
- Nursing services

- Pastoral care
- Home health aides for personal care
- Respite care
- Inpatient hospice care
- Bereavement follow-up (for up to one year after death)
- Continuous care available when patient meets criteria

Who is Eligible?

Patients are admitted when the patient, family, attending physician and Hospice Atlanta agree that hospice care is needed and the following criteria are met:

- Life expectancy is six months or less, and patient and family are aware of the terminal diagnosis
- Patient is not seeking aggressive, curative treatment
- Responsible caregiver is in the home, if needed for patient safety

Palliative radiation, chemotherapy, TPN, blood transfusions may be covered outside of hospice benefit by commercial insurance

How Can Services be Obtained?

- Call **404-869-3000** with a physician's order
- Provide patient's relevant medical data
- We confirm patient's prognosis with patient's physician
- We verify insurance and financial data

PHYSICIAN RESPONSIBILITIES

If the physician stays medically responsible for patient care, we'll provide regular progress reports. If requested, our medical director, available 24 hours a day, can assume the attending physician role.

Georgia's Nonprofit Homecare & Hospice Provider

Visiting Nurse: **770-454-0900** Hospice Atlanta: **404-869-3000**



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