

Hospice Atlanta's Medical Director, Dr. Linda Britton, Gives Patients Expert Care, Compassion and Respect

Hospice Atlanta's full-time Medical Director, Dr. Linda Britton, is highly respected and trusted by physicians, patients and families alike for her quality patient care, her compassion and her in-depth understanding of hospice. In fact, 90% of physicians who refer patients to Visiting Nurse / Hospice Atlanta's end-of-life program hand over their treatment to Britton. She ensures continuity of care and keeps physicians updated on their patients' condition

The medical community's trust in Britton is well placed. Prior to attending medical school, she obtained a Master's in Nursing. She is now board certified in internal medicine as well as hospice and palliative care medicine. She is one of only 43 physicians in Georgia accredited by the American Board of Hospice and Palliative Medicine (ABHPM). At Hospice Atlanta, she works with an interdisciplinary team of more than 100 clinicians – including nurses and medical social workers – chaplains and trained volunteers. Together, they serve more than 1,000 terminally-ill patients and their families annually in the organization's home hospice program, and the inpatient program at the Hospice Atlanta Center.

Britton understands the importance of treating every patient with dignity and respect, ensuring that their end-of-life journey is as pain-free and peaceful as possible. She educates patients and families about the emotional and physical aspects of death and is a passionate patient advocate, often helping them fulfill their final wishes and bring closure to their lives.

Britton has always been interested in hospice but the death of her 12-year-old niece from lymphoma convinced her to dedicate herself to the field. With a husband and two children of her own, she understands the importance of family and the preciousness of life.

"If we can prolong life with today's medical technology, we should," Britton says, "but I don't believe in prolonging death. At Hospice Atlanta, we honor people's wishes as they go through the dying process. It's different for everyone. It's our job to find out what each patient needs, and to handle those unique needs to the best of our ability."



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