



What is Palliative Care?

- Special medical care for people with a serious illness
- Targets pain, symptoms and stress caused by illness
- Helps you and your family with complex decision making
- Helps coordinate your care
- Provides an extra layer of support
- Is a partnership among patient, family and health care providers
- Helps people live as well as they can for as long as they can

Our mission is to improve the lives of seriously ill patients and their families through symptom management and coordinated, compassionate care.



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Who May Benefit From Palliative Care?

- Anyone with a serious, potentially life – limiting illness
- Patients and families facing complex medical decisions

When is the Right Time for Palliative Care?

Palliative care can assist patients throughout all stages of illness. It may be best introduced early in your care and is provided at the same time as curative treatments.

Is Palliative Care the Same as Hospice?

No. Hospice care is meant specifically for those approaching the last stages of life, while palliative care is appropriate for any stage of a serious illness.

How Do I Contact Palliative Care?

If you are an inpatient, please consult your attending physician. Patients and families looking for more information can contact Dr. Amy Corliss, at 245-1277.

What You Can Expect From Palliative Care

The Palliative care service at Wilcox Memorial Hospital offers:

- Assistance in relieving symptoms of medical illness such as pain, shortness of breath, fatigue, constipation and nausea
- Coordination with your medical team to ensure you understand your condition and options for medical care
- Emotional, social and spiritual support

How Palliative Care can Make a Difference

Recent studies show that patients who receive palliative care experience improved communication with their doctors and family members, enhanced emotional and spiritual well-being, and the lessening of pain and other symptoms.



Working as a Team

Together with your primary medical team, the palliative care service can assist in family/team meetings and offer guidance and support with difficult treatment decisions and goal setting.

The palliative care team includes a:

- Physician
- Nurse
- Social Worker
- Case Manager
- Pharmacist
- Dietitian
- Respiratory Therapist