

Results show that patients and families want hospice care sooner



The Need

The Reality

Hosparus is a great caring organization. Their purpose is to provide quality hospice care and promote quality of life. Many people have fears and are apprehensive about hospice but once involved the patients and families are very appreciative of the care provided by Hosparus.

– Richard Spalding, MD



My mother was under the care of Hosparus for the last several months. We want Hosparus to know how excellent their employees are and how well cared for and supported we both felt.

– patient's family

88% of patients' families expect Hosparus to begin care during the last **months or weeks** of life.*

Hospice was designed to provide **180 days** of care.

There is an average of **1400 patients** in our service area that need hospice care.

Families served in our community ranked their satisfaction with the timeliness of referral of their loved one in the **bottom 20%** when compared to the rest of the nation.**

Length of stay for **40%** of all Hosparus patients is **5 days or less**.

Average length of stay for a Hosparus patient is **56 days**.

The average daily number of patients in our service area who actually receive Hosparus care is **875**.

90% percent of Hosparus families would recommend our services to others.**

* Results from recent independent consumer research study
** Results from Family Satisfaction Survey

What we know:

- More than **500 patients** a day in the Hosparus service area are **suffering needlessly** because they are not getting the end-of-life care they need.
- Many of those patients who are admitted to Hosparus **do not receive the full benefit** of the service because they are referred very late in their illness.

How you can help:

If you know someone with a life-limiting illness, ask yourself these questions:

- Is the patient's condition getting worse every time you see him or her?
- Has that patient been to the emergency room/been hospitalized several times recently?
- Has that patient been losing weight?
- Has there been difficulty managing pain and/or breathing problems?
- Would you be surprised if the patient were still alive in six months?

If you can say **"yes"** to any of these questions, this patient may be eligible for hospice care.

Although a physician must order hospice care, patients and families can call us directly and we will contact their doctor and make arrangements for a referral.