

Hospice Care:

Dispelling the Myths and Getting the Facts

Myth	Fact
Hospice care hastens death.	Hospice care neither prolongs life nor hastens death. Under the guidance of the primary physician and the Hosparus Medical Director, Hosparus – Barren River, Central Kentucky, Louisville and Southern Indiana provides comfort, care and counseling when a cure for a disease is not expected.
Hospice care is only for cancer patients.	About half of our patients have a diagnosis other than cancer. While Hosparus cares for cancer patients, it also offers quality end-of-life care for those with any life-limiting illness such as end-stage heart and lung disease, Alzheimer's disease/dementia, stroke and Lou Gehrig's Disease among other serious illnesses.
Using hospice care means giving up.	Hospice care offers hope for freedom from the fears of isolation, abandonment, loneliness, loss of control and physical pain; and hope that the family will be nurtured and supported. Hospice caregivers recognize the importance of hope as a powerful, ever-changing force.
Hospice care is only for the last two weeks of life.	Hospice care is available to all patients with a life expectancy of six months or less. The sooner patients call Hosparus, the sooner our team of physicians, nurses, certified nursing assistants, chaplains, social workers and volunteers can offer emotional and spiritual support as well as pain and symptom control. If patients' conditions stabilize to the point that hospice care is no longer needed, we will discharge them and re-admit them later as needed.
Hospice care is expensive.	Medicare, Medicaid, and many insurance plans cover 100% of charges for hospice services. Benefit coverage generally provides for necessary medication, medical equipment, and supplies related to the hospice diagnosis. Hosparus provides coverage information specific to the patient's benefit plan at the time of admission. Deductibles and coinsurance amounts may still apply. <i>Thanks to the generosity of our donors, we care for patients regardless of their ability to pay.</i>



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