

Hospice of the South Coast

The difference is our heart.

Hospice of the South Coast is a licensed hospice provider in Southern California. We provide the highest quality of comprehensive medical care to our patients and their families. We support a patient's primary caregiver in providing focus on the quality of life for a person's remaining time.

Who is Hospice of the South Coast?

Hospice of the South Coast is made up of a group of individuals whose focus is providing comfort and peace of mind to patients with a prognosis of six months or less, as well as to the patient's primary caregiver and family. We are committed to treating our clients with a highly skilled and trained staff who are passionate about the mission of hospice care.

Hospice of the South Coast handles referrals from individuals, private physicians, hospitals, assisted living facilities and residential care facilities to provide hospice care to patients in their residence. We also work with a palliative care organization, which can often intervene to manage pain and other symptoms of patients that do not yet meet the guidelines for hospice admission. We strive to provide the patient and family a seamless transition of care when the time is right.

Our emphasis is on the patient's comfort and dignity, facilitating their independence for as long as possible while remaining in familiar surroundings. The members of our professional and experienced team approach their disciplines understanding all patients have the right to be treated with honor and respect.

The Hospice Team

Attending Physician	May continue to actively participate in the patient's care, if so desired.
Medical Director	Provides consultation and clinical oversight for the hospice program.
Skilled Nurses	RNs and LVNs, trained to manage symptoms and educate patient & family.
Certified Home Health Aide	Provide personal care and assistance with daily living activities.
Licensed Social Worker	Conduct psychosocial assessments, counseling & skilled interventions.
Spiritual and Bereavement Counseling	Provides counseling and support to patients & caregivers.
Volunteers	Trained volunteers provide companionship and a calming presence.

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Contact us to learn more about the benefits of hospice care

Is my patient hospice appropriate?

Clinical Status

- Recurrent or intractable serious infections
- Progressive malnutrition as documented by:
 - Weight loss
 - Decreasing anthropomorphic measurements
 - Observation of ill-fitting clothes
 - Decrease in skin turgor
- Decreasing serum albumin or cholesterol
- Dysphagia leading to recurrent aspiration and/or inadequate oral intake

Symptoms

- Dyspnea with increasing respiratory rate
- Intractable cough
- Nausea/vomiting poorly responsive to treatment
- Intractable diarrhea
- Pain requiring increasing doses of major analgesics

Labs

- Increasing pCO₂ or decreasing pO₂ or decreasing SaO₂
- Increasing calcium, creatinine, or liver function studies
- Progressively in/decreasing serum sodium, increasing serum potassium
- Increasing tumor markers

Other Signs

- Decline in systolic blood pressure
- Ascites
- Venous, arterial or lymphatic obstruction due to local progression or metastatic disease
- Edema
- Pleural/pericardial effusion
- Change in level of consciousness
- Weakness

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