

### **Our Team**

Our palliative care team consists of experienced and compassionate medical professionals to meet the needs of the patient. Our team coordinates with the patient's own physician and includes:

- Physician
- Nurse Practitioner
- Social Worker
- Nurse Care Coordinator
- Chaplain

   (as needed)

### **About Islands Hospice**

Islands Hospice believes that every one of us deserves the opportunity to write the closing chapter of our lives with dignity, in peace and in the comfort of home.

Since 2008 our team of physicians, nurse practitioners, nurses, nurse aides, social workers and chaplains have walked with and cared for over 10,000 patients and their families.

With locations on Oahu and Maui, Islands Hospice serves local patients and their loved ones through hospice, palliative, supportive, and transitional care programs.





For more information about the Islands Health Services Palliative Care Program:

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# Islands Health Services Palliative Care Program

As a leader in hospice care, we are expanding operations to serve more of Hawaii with our Islands Health Services Palliative Care Program. Our palliative care program is available to patients at any stage of a serious, life-limiting illness and can be an extra layer of support for you or your family.

Separate from our hospice care,
palliative care can be provided to patients
who may still be pursuing curative
treatment. Our team will focus on
improving quality of life for patients —
wherever they call home.

### Who can benefit?

Admission to our program is based on insurance and clinical eligibility, and though palliative care can and should be provided at any stage of disease, our program is centered around care for patients who are continuing treatments. Our care can be provided at a patient's home or at another preferred location. Patients on Oahu may qualify for palliative care for illnesses or diseases including but not limited to:

- Cancer
- COPD and respiratory disease
- Heart Failure
- Chronic or end-stage liver disease
- Stroke
- Parkinson's disease

# What can the Palliative Care Program do for you?



Manage complex & specific pain and symptoms, medications, and care coordination in-home or through telehealth



Provide disease-specific education for patients and families



Facilitate discussion surrounding goals of care



Assist with advance-care planning



Offer counseling, spiritual care, or emotional support



Provide telephonic nursing support 24/7

### **Common questions**

## What is palliative care and is it the same as hospice care?

Palliative care is specialized medical care for people living with serious illnesses. Its focus is on improving quality of life and decreasing symptom burden and can include physical, social and emotional support.

Palliative care is for patients at any stage of an advanced or serious illness alongside curative treatments. Whereas hospice care is usually initiated when there is a life-limiting prognosis and patients are pursuing comfort care without curative treatment.

### When is the right time?

Palliative care can help patients and their families during all stages of a serious illness. It is best introduced early, alongside curative treatment.

### Who pays for palliative care?

Palliative care is often covered by Medicare, Medicaid and most private insurance companies. Every financial situation is different in regard to who pays for palliative care, so we recommend contacting your insurance company and consulting with Islands Hospice about any possible copays or deductibles.

