



# Preferred Care

H O S P I C E

*A small hospice  
making a big difference.*



## *What is hospice?*

Hospice care is a philosophy of care recognizing death as the final stage of life. At Preferred Care Hospice, our goal is to enable you to live in your own home comfortably, together with your family. We help alleviate symptoms to allow quality and dignity of life.

Hospice care does not mean giving up hope; it is an opportunity to capture dignity in a challenging time for both the patient and family. Preferred Care Hospice works to provide comfort and promote an opportunity to bond emotionally and spiritually with the patient.

Hospice is not a place but a concept of care. This care allows you to be together with your family in the comfort of your own home.



## *Who are we?*

We are a team of doctors, nurses, social workers, nurses' aides, counselors, chaplains and volunteers who have extensive training and are certified in hospice and palliative care. We are experienced in providing care to patients with 6 months or less to live.

Although many patients admitted to hospice care have cancer, the reality is many terminal diagnoses qualify for the hospice benefit. This includes: Alzheimer's Disease, Parkinson's Disease, Dementia, AIDS, congestive heart failure and diseases of the kidney, heart and lungs.

Patients do not have to be bedridden to qualify for hospice care. Preferred Care Hospice encourages patients to be as physically active as possible for as long as possible.

You can continue to visit your primary physician whenever you desire. In fact, we encourage the visits and welcome comfort, knowledge, and support a family physician provides.

At Preferred Care Hospice, we promote the interaction with your primary doctor.

## *When is it time?*

Having symptoms below may mean hospice services are needed:

- **Frequent visits to the hospital and emergency room**
- **Increased pain, breathing distress and nausea**
- **Decreased appetite and significant weight loss**
- **Decreased ability to walk, eat, bathe, dress, or go to the toilet**
- **Diagnosed with a terminal illness**



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## *Honoring your choices.*



When you and your family face serious health issues, you need answers. Preferred Care Hospice is here to help you make choices that work for you, and provide a support system of comprehensive care to honor those choices.

Preferred Care Hospice affirms life and does not hasten or postpone death, treating the person not the disease. We focus on quality of life and provide a family centered care, involving the patient and family in the decision making-process.

Care is provided in the patient's home, hospital, nursing home or assisted living facility, anywhere a patient calls home.

*Preferred Care Hospice is locally owned  
and proud to serve Muscogee, Harris and  
Chattahoochee Counties*

Preferred Care Hospice accepts patients  
regardless of ability to pay, age, race, color,  
natural origin, religion, sex, disability, or any  
other categories protected by law.

*Call 24 hours a day,  
7 days a week  
706-844-1619*



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