



Transitions PalliativeCare

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Palliative (pal-ee-uh-tiv) care is a medical approach focused on providing patients with relief from the symptoms, pain, and stress of a serious illness – whatever the diagnosis. The purpose is to improve quality and dignity of life for both the patient and the family and can be provided alongside curative treatment.

Transitions PalliativeCare is a specialty consultative service that utilizes physicians who are board certified in hospice and palliative medicine, nurse practitioners and nurse navigators who are experienced with symptom management in older adults, social workers, and spiritual care counselors/ family support who can help patients and families with decision making and goals of care. Palliative care providers work together with your doctor's office or facility to give you an extra layer of support.

How can your palliative care team help?

Struggling with pain or other symptoms?

- helping to manage and relieve pain
- talking with your doctor to treat symptoms such as nausea, constipation, fatigue, shortness of breath, and anxiety
- focusing on psychosocial needs of patients
- talking about goals of care and advance care planning
- coordinating care with multiple health care providers
- improving quality of life wherever a person calls home, including but not limited to a private home, nursing facility, rehabilitation facility, or assisted living facility.

Who should receive palliative care?

Patients with a serious illness who are/have:

- experiencing pain or other symptoms such as nausea, constipation, fatigue, shortness of breath, anxiety, or confusion
- complex diseases, multiple illnesses or treatments
- chronic or terminal illnesses such as congestive heart failure (CHF), chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), cancer, renal failure, or dementia
- needing assistance setting up or coordinating goals of care
- being treated by multiple specialists
- repeated emergency room (ER) or hospital visits.

How do I access Transitions PalliativeCare?

For a referral contact your social worker **OR** medical professional

We provide relief and comfort.



It takes a community to provide a full circle of care.

The services Transitions LifeCare provides include Transitions GuidingLights, Transitions HomeHealth, Transitions PalliativeCare, Transitions HospiceCare, Transitions Kids, and Transitions GriefCare. The geographic region we serve includes Chatham, Durham, Franklin, Granville, Harnett, Johnston, Orange, and Wake counties.

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