



## A Physician's Guide to Hospice Care

### Clinical Indicators

- Treatments are no longer effective
- Patient is not a surgical candidate
- Increasing pain
- Decreased appetite
- Increased sleep
- Weakness and fatigue
- Incontinence of bowel & bladder
- Increased anxiety and/or agitation
- Multiple hospitalizations and/or infections
- Mental status changes
- Unable to complete ADLs
- Difficulty repositioning and/or skin breakdown
- Increased shortness of breath
- Increased edema

**To refer a patient, please contact  
Hospice of Murray County at  
(507) 836-8114 or reach the 24/7  
On-Call Nurse at (507) 369-6588.**

# Utilizing the Hospice Team

## Attending Physician

Continues to provide services to the patient via information from nursing staff.

## Hospice Medical Director

Available to sign orders and oversee patient's medical care as needed.

## Hospice Nurse

Coordinates care with physician and provides education on medication and equipment.

## Social Worker

Assists family with financial and healthcare documents, as well as emotional issues.

## Spiritual Care / Bereavement Coordinator

Offers pre- and post-death emotional and spiritual support.

## Hospice Aides

Assist with personal cares, comfort cares, and homemaker services.

## Volunteers

Offer much-needed breaks to caregivers.

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