

HOSPICE INTERDISCIPLINARY TEAM

provides comprehensive, personalized, and holistic hospice care



Physician and/or Nurse Practitioner, Physician Assistant

- Provides expertise in symptom and disease management.
- Leads care plan development and oversees patient care.
- Coordinates hospice care team activities.



Registered Nurse (RN)

- Routinely assesses the patient.
- Manages day-to-day medical and nursing care.
- Orders medication, supplies, and equipment.



Chaplain/Spiritual Counselor

- Offers nondenominational spiritual support.
- Connects the patient/family with faith-specific support.
- Provides counseling and guidance on facing end-of-life issues.



Nursing Aide

- Visits regularly to provide non-medical personal care.
- Assists with bathing, dressing, feeding, etc.
- Fosters communication between patient/family and care team.



Bereavement Support Person

- Provides support for family, friends, and caregivers after a patient dies.
- Fulfills Medicare mandate for 13 months of bereavement support.
- May lead grief support groups or similar programs.



Social Worker

- Counsels and supports the patient and family.
- Assists with obtaining resources and services.
- Offers help with advance care planning and bereavement support.



Volunteers

- Offer compassion, support, and relief for family caregivers.
- May provide companionship, light housekeeping, help with errands, etc.
- May offer non-medical therapies like pet therapy, aromatherapy, hand massage.

NOTE: Roles, responsibilities, and titles may vary depending on the hospice provider.