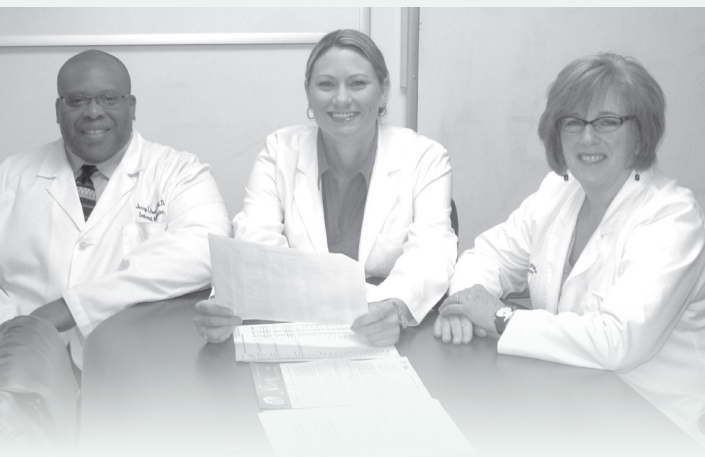




# Piedmont Palliative Care Services

**Piedmont Palliative Care Services** focuses on coordinating care, and reducing pain and other distressing symptoms of a serious, life-limiting illness.

Palliative care consultations help improve the quality of life for patients receiving curative treatment at any stage of a serious illness. Palliative care can improve a patient's ability to tolerate medical treatments, gain strength to carry on with daily life and help patients understand their choices of care.



The palliative care team at Hospice of the Piedmont includes a physician, nurse practitioner and a medical social worker, if needed. The team works together to design a customized care plan that meets each patient's individual needs.

## **Palliative care consultations address:**

- *pain management*
- *anxiety, depression and/or fatigue*
- *nausea, constipation, shortness of breath, and other symptoms*
- *treatment options*
- *recurrent hospitalizations*
- *family support*
- *assistance with advance directives*
- *continuity of care and effective communication.*



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**Palliative care consultations are appropriate when:**

- *a sudden, catastrophic illness or new diagnosis of advanced disease occurs*
- *a patient requires frequent and/or prolonged hospitalization or ICU stay*
- *a chronically-ill patient's functionality is declining*
- *a dialysis patient is experiencing medical crisis*
- *a chronically-ill patient is suffering pain or other difficult symptoms*
- *a patient is suffering uncontrolled spiritual or psychosocial distress*
- *there is a need for assistance with complex decision making, such as advance directives.*

Medicare Part B, Medicaid and most private insurance plans may cover palliative care services. (Standard co-pays may apply.) The services are provided in hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, and assisted living communities.

For more information or to make a referral, call the Piedmont Palliative Care Services team at 336.889.8446. Consultations are scheduled weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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