

When should a decision about entering a hospice program be made—and who should make it?

Any time during a life-limiting illness is appropriate to discuss all options, including hospice. By law, the decision belongs to the patient. Understandably, many people are uncomfortable with the idea of stopping an all-out effort to “beat” the disease. Hospice staff members are highly sensitive to these concerns and are available to discuss them with the patient and family.



How do I contact a Hospice Nurse?

Monday– Friday 8:30-4:00 PM

Call 315-349-8259

Fax 315-349-8269

“It matters not how long we live, but how.”
Philip James Bailey



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Hospice Care Answers

➤➤ Oswego County Health Department



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HOSPICE SERVICES

On call nursing services are available seven days a week, 24 hours a day.

Other services available include:

- Therapies
- Social Work
- Bereavement Services
- Pastoral Care
- Volunteer Services
- Home Health Aide Services
- Medical Equipment
- Covered Medications

Qualified services are reimbursed by Medicare, Medicaid and health insurance coverage.

Is Hospice Care an Option for Me?

People choose Hospice Care for different reasons. The following guidelines will help you decide when hospice care may be appropriate for you.

Hospice Care can help you when:

Want your medical treatment to focus on comfort

Need to keep pain or other physical symptoms under control

Need assistance with personal care and grooming

Want support for yourself for yourself and significant persons in your life

Want the availability of professional support and guidance whenever it's needed- day or night

Would like professional support coordinating needed services

Who Qualifies for Hospice Care?

Any Oswego County resident regardless of age, gender, race national origin, religion, sexual preference, language, or disability, who has an advanced illness, is not receiving aggressive or curative medical care, and wants to improve his/her quality of life is eligible for Hospice Care.

Where can I receive Hospice Care?

Hospice Care can be provided in your own home or in a nursing home. Whenever possible care is given in the familiar setting of the patient's family and prepares them for changes in the course of the patient's illness.

Who will provide my medical care?

You will continue to receive medical care from your own physician. Your physician will work closely with all members of the Hospice care team.