

# Hospice vs. Palliative

## Palliative

- Care is intended for patients who have any long-term illness
- Assistance with medical decisions and developing a personalized plan for care
- Patients can pursue life prolonging treatments
- Specific healthcare professionals including social workers and registered nurses from the palliative department are involved with care
- Services last as long as the patient needs, and are available anytime the patient feels they need assistance

## Hospice

- Care is intended for patients who have a prognosis of 6 months or less
- Assistance with end-of-life planning
- A unique plan of care that is specific to the patient and family's needs
- Appropriate for patients choosing to focus on comfort care, not wanting to pursue aggressive treatment
- Services last as long as the patient requires care
- Services are covered 100% by Medicare Part A and most private insurance companies

## What's In Common

- Symptom management is a key focus in the care plan
- Assistance with spiritual, emotional, and bereavement support
- Services are provided wherever the patient calls home

