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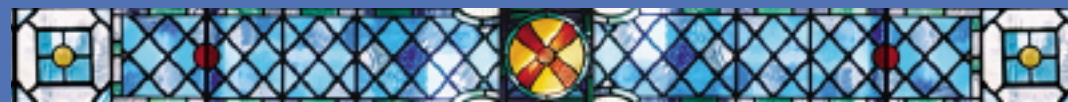


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Life-Affirming Care and Comfort

Palliative care should begin at diagnosis of a chronic, progressive, debilitating illness. When a decision is made to place a resident on palliative care, a shift in philosophy and treatment usually occurs. Most residents and their families decide to forego aggressive treatment and opt instead for comfort care and control of pain.

When someone opts for palliative care, the resident and/or family will be asked to make decisions regarding future care such as hospitalization; artificial nutrition and hydration (a feeding tube); diagnostic testing; cardio/pulmonary resuscitation; and/or antibiotic therapy.



WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN PALLIATIVE CARE AND HOSPICE?

Hospice care is offered when the attending physician diagnoses the resident as having a terminal illness with six months or less to live.

Palliative care can be offered earlier in the progression of a chronic, life-limiting illness, before someone becomes terminally ill.

Illnesses that might make a resident a candidate for palliative care include:

- ❖ Moderate to advanced dementia
- ❖ Congestive heart failure
- ❖ COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease)
- ❖ Chronic renal failure (kidney disease)
- ❖ Parkinson's disease
- ❖ Cancer
- ❖ Cerebrovascular accident [stroke]
- ❖ Liver disease

Holistic Care for the Whole Person

Palliative care is holistic care that addresses one's physical, psychological, social and spiritual needs. At Schervier Nursing Care Center, it is provided by an interdisciplinary team that includes the attending physician, unit nurse, social worker, dietitian, recreation therapist, pastoral caregiver and, if indicated, rehabilitation therapist. Each discipline is involved in assessing and providing services to meet resident's needs, including :



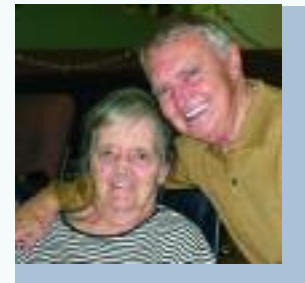
- ❖ Medication and treatment for pain and symptom control
- ❖ Special diet and/or favorite food requests
- ❖ Enhanced visiting from social work, pastoral care and recreational therapy, with an emphasis on social, emotional and spiritual issues

By the Family, For the Family -- Education, Support and Guidance Throughout the Process

Family members/significant others are an integral part of the palliative care team and are involved in the care planning process for the resident.

They can provide information about the resident's past interests, wishes, beliefs and values (especially important when the resident can no longer do so) and are encouraged to maintain an open dialogue with staff regarding any changes they may notice in the resident's mood, behavior or physical condition.

Palliative care affirms life by supporting the patient's and the family's goals for the future, including hopes for life-prolongation as well as dignity, peace and comfort throughout the course of the illness. And, when appropriate, our affiliation with Jansen Hospice is there to provide hospice care near the end of life.



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