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-Kerriane Page, MD, SVP & CMO



“The best place to be during the worst of times. I didn’t know that places like this existed, and it made a difficult situation less frightening and more comforting.” - Rose M., family member of former patient

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What is Inpatient Care?

Inpatient Hospice Care or “General Inpatient Care GIP” is one of the four levels of hospice care required to be available under the Medicare Hospice Benefit. It is a valuable tool that allows hospice staff to provide advanced clinical services for management of symptoms, complex care that cannot be provided in the patient’s home. General Inpatient Care is intended for specific circumstances, and for a short duration of time. Inpatient Hospice Care is initiated when other efforts to manage symptoms have been ineffective. It is intended for patients who cannot comfortably remain in a residential setting and require skilled nursing care around the clock to maintain comfort.

Good Shepherd Hospice has two Hospice Centers, one in Port Jefferson, and one in Rockville Centre. Both Hospice Inpatient Centers are Article 40 Hospice Centers. That means that staff providing care, including physicians, nurses, social workers, chaplains, home health aides and volunteers have expertise in hospice care and symptom management. Patients and family members are encouraged to tour the Centers at any time to truly understand what the Good Shepherd Hospice Centers offer.

Good Shepherd Hospice Center at Mercy Medical

Good Shepherd Hospice Inpatient Center at Mercy Medical Center is located on the second floor of the hospital. This Hospice Center includes 12 private patient suites with accommodations for loved ones to spend the night, a family living room and dining room for visitor gathering, a family shower suite, a prayer room for quiet reflection, and a family meeting room. Staffed by hospice physicians, nurses, social workers, chaplains, home health aides and volunteers, the Center offers hospice expertise in a quiet home-like setting. Family can visit any time of the day and night, and pets are always welcome.

Good Shepherd Hospice Center at Port Jefferson

The Good Shepherd Hospice Center at Port Jefferson is located on the campus of St. Charles Hospital at 200 Belle Terre Road, Port Jefferson. Staffed by hospice physicians, nurses, social workers, chaplains, home health aides, and volunteers, the Center offers hospice expertise in a home-like setting. The Center features all private rooms and bath suites. All rooms include a television, and access to WiFi. The Center also includes a family kitchen for loved ones to gather, and a large living room to accommodate visitors. The private setting allows for family members to visit uninterrupted and visiting hours are unlimited, and not restricted by age. A family member is welcome to spend the night in the patient’s room, and all rooms include a sleeper chair with linens to facilitate comfort. Pets are also welcome to visit at any time.

Criteria for Inpatient Care

General Inpatient Care is appropriate when the hospice team determines that the patient’s pain and symptoms cannot be managed in the patient’s home or another residential setting. Often the hospice staff and the patient’s caregiver, working together, are no longer able to provide the complex care required to assure the patient is comfortable.

Criteria for Inpatient Care may include the following:

- ✓ Pain or symptom crisis not managed by treatment changes in the home setting
- ✓ Intractable nausea and vomiting
- ✓ Advanced open wounds requiring complex care
- ✓ Unmanageable respiratory distress
- ✓ Agitation with behavior issues

Hospice Inpatient Care is intended for a short duration of time. You can anticipate that the hospice center staff will work with family members closely throughout the patient’s stay to establish a plan of care to return the patient safely to their home when symptoms are managed.

