

## What's the Difference Between Hospice Care and Palliative Care?

Hospice care and palliative care have things in common, but they're not the same

## Palliative care

- Is a form of specialized care to help people with serious illnesses and their families live as well as they can
- Focuses on managing or reducing pain and other symptoms and offers other interventions aimed to improve quality of life
- Can be used alongside medical treatments meant to cure the illness, and can help patients understand their treatment options and make choices about treatment that are aligned with their goals and values
- Can be helpful at any stage of serious illness
- Does not have a set length of care and depends on what you need and what insurance will cover (if you have insurance)

## Who makes up a palliative care team?

- Palliative care doctors Palliative care nurses
- Social workers
- Spiritual advisors or chaplains





in collaboration with the patient's other healthcare providers.

Team members work together to provide whole-person care,

# Palliative care can be given in a:





Hospital



outpatient clinic





# Hospice care

Is designed for people whose illness isn't responding to treatment or who wish to stop treatment

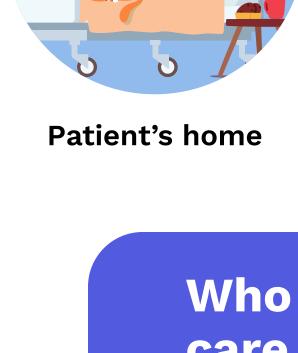
Is a subset of palliative care that is for people with serious

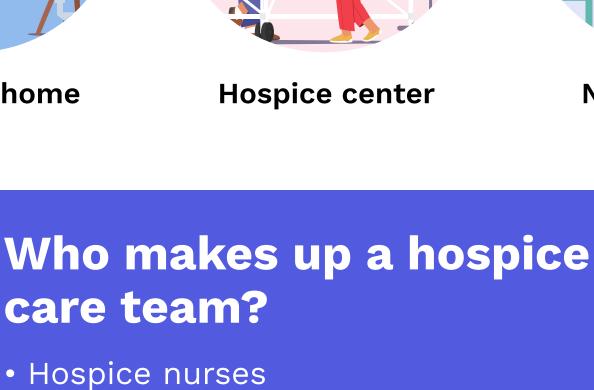
illness who doctors believe have 6 months or less to live

- Focuses on quality of life and not prolonging life

Lasts as long as life expectancy

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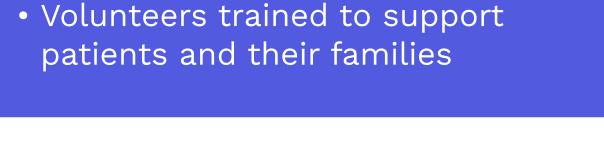


Hospice doctors

Social workers







Spiritual advisors or chaplains



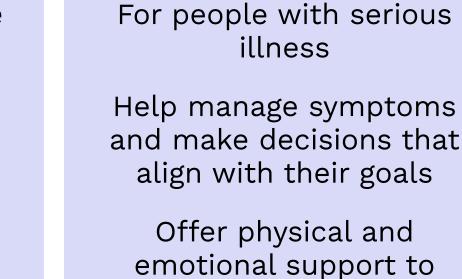
**Palliative only** Patients can receive care

Patients can continue to receive treatments intended to cure their illness



# Did you know? Hospice doesn't mean stopping all treatments — just the ones (like chemotherapy for

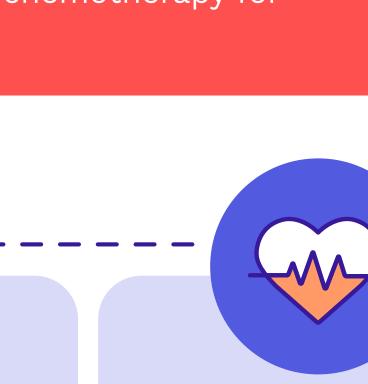
### at any time after illness is diagnosed



May be covered by Medicare or other insurance

patients and families

**Both** 



## less to live

Patients can no longer get treatments intended to cure illness

**Hospice only** 

Patients can receive

care if a doctor believes

they have 6 months or





To find hospice and palliative care near you, visit the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization.