Goals Of Palliative Care

Palliative care is a special type of medical care used to treat patients with serious illnesses. This specialized care can be used in conjunction with curative treatment or hospice care. Our organization seeks to assist patients in need of palliative care by addressing a number of needs.

Minimizing Pain

Many long-term or terminal illnesses cause physical pain for the patient. We work with the patient’s regular medical team to find the proper clinical methods to ease the pain as much as possible.

Treating Symptoms

Of course, pain is not the only symptom of illness. Our facility works to identify additional symptoms and treat them for patients with long-term illnesses. Harbor Light Hospice focuses on symptoms management for chronically ill patients or patients with a terminal diagnosis. Our team will do everything we can to ease physical and emotional discomfort caused by the symptoms of a disease or medical treatment.

Keeping Patients Mobile

A key ingredient to a higher quality of life, regardless of whether an illness is long-term or terminal, is keeping the patient as mobile as possible. We aim to help patients remain as active as they can through walking, sitting up, and other forms of physical movement. Safety precautions are an essential part of this step.
Meaningful Interactions With People and Self

Emotional and psychological health treatment is just as important as physical treatment for patients who suffer from serious illness. Our goal is to ensure that patients remain in active relationships with family, friends, loved ones, and caregivers. In addition, we use various forms of therapy, including art therapy and pet therapy, to assist with the patient’s emotional well-being.

Ensures Understanding

Our professionals explain the patient’s condition to them, as well as to any caregivers, in easy-to-understand language so that all involved can make well-informed decisions about treatment options.

Relief for Caregivers

Our organization understands the difficulties that arise when caring for a loved one. We can provide the hands-on help or respite for caregivers to allow everyone involved to remain as stress-free as possible during difficult times.

If you or someone you know might benefit from palliative care, allow us to help you understand your options. Call Harbor Light Hospice or contact us online for support.