

HOSPICE

The purpose of hospice is to provide comfort and care for individuals determined to be in the end stage of their illness. Hospice affirms life and regards dying as a normal process. Hospice neither hastens nor postpones death but supports hope for dignity. Care can be provided in the individual's place of residence, including one's home. Through personalized services, patients and families can experience the dying process in a supportive environment that includes physical and spiritual care. Hospice agencies are very helpful in assisting patients and families to make these hard choices when the time is right.

QUESTIONS TO ASK ABOUT HOSPICE

- Do you provide in-home and/or in-patient services?
- Can my doctor continue to care for me?
- Do you offer support services to the family members after the individual has died?
- Will you bill my insurance carrier?
- If I don't have insurance, who can help pay for hospice services?
- Are you a Medicare-certified hospice program?

HOSPICE REFERRAL RESOURCES

California Hospice and Palliative Care

Association **916-925-3770**

3841 N. Freeway Blvd., Suite 225, Sacramento, CA 95834

www.calhospice.org

www.hospicefoundation.info

Advocates for those facing life-threatening illness by promoting availability and access to quality end-of-life care.

Hospice of Pasadena 626-397-3600

351 E. Foothill Blvd., Arcadia, CA 91006

Fully-licensed, Medicare-certified, not-for-profit hospice alternative dedicated to caring for individuals at the end of life. Comprehensive services offered 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, including nursing care, pain control, symptom management, emotional support, pharmacy services, pastoral care and grief recovery and patient support. Accepts all patients in need, regardless of ability to pay.

Hospice of Presbyterian 562-947-3668

15050 Imperial Highway, La Mirada, CA 90638

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National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization 800-658-8898

Spanish 877-658-8896

www.caringinfo.org

The largest non-profit membership organization representing hospice and palliative care programs and professionals in the United States. It is committed to improving end-of-life care and expanding access to hospice care with the goal of profoundly enhancing quality of life for people dying in the United States and for their loved ones

Roze Room Hospice 800-828-9017

5455 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 810, Los Angeles, CA 90036

www.rozeroomhospice.org

Roze Room Hospice provides interdisciplinary hospice services to terminally ill patients, and their families, in any setting that the patient calls "home". Roze Room Hospice's team approach to care includes: physicians, nurses, social workers, spiritual counselors, home health aids, volunteers, a dietitian and a bereavement counselor who, together, combine their knowledge to create a customized plan of care for each patient and family.

TrinityCare Hospice..... 800-535-8446

2601 Airport Drive, Suite 230, Torrance, CA 90505

www.trinitycarehospice.org

Expert in end of life quality care, TrinityCare Hospice offers individualized, coordinated programs of service to promote optimum comfort, and a personal sense of control, to patients at home or in skilled nursing facility settings. With the goal of enhancing the quality of life for patients and their families, comprehensive services, available 24/7, include: expert symptom management and pain control, pastoral care, hospice physician visits, and continuing grief support for patients' families. Values based, non-profit and Medicare certified.

Vitas Innovative Hospice Care 800-93-VITAS

www.vitas.com

(800-938-4827)

Licensed and certified agency dedicated to the care of those individuals at the end of life who are no longer seeking treatment for their disease but require palliative care of their symptoms including pain management and spiritual support. Care can be given in the patient's place of residence, either their home or nursing facility. Approved care is available, through the Vitas Charitable Fund, to those who are uninsured.

Wells House Hospice 562-435-9363

www.wellshousehospice.com

245 Cherry Avenue, Long Beach, CA 90802

Provides both a residential hospice facility, and a community hospice care service for people who are terminally ill.