

## What services are available?

### Home Care

Nursing and Home Care Attendant support and resources may be available. Some people choose to die at home. If this is your wish, please discuss this with your Palliative Care Nurse or Home Care Coordinator.

### Hospital Care

If you choose to die in a Health Care Centre or if your care needs can no longer be met in your home, admission to a hospital is available. Care and support for you and your family will be provided if you require admission to hospital.

### Personal Care Homes

Care and support will be provided for Personal care Home residents and their family.

**For more information  
please contact the  
Palliative Care Staff**

**Or**

**Canadian Virtual Hospice  
Website at:  
[www.virtualhospice.ca](http://www.virtualhospice.ca)**

Other Palliative Care brochures:

- **Pain Control at End of Life**
- **Food and Fluids at End of Life**
- **Understanding Your Grief**
- **What to Expect at the End of Life**

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# Palliative Care Program

*There is no road map  
for this journey.  
Every person's life  
and death is unique.*

## What is Palliative Care?

Palliative Care is an approach that improves the quality of life for clients and their families facing the problems associated with a life limiting illness that cannot be cured.

## Palliative Care will help you and your family with:

- Physical care
- Emotional needs
- Pain and symptom management
- Spiritual care
- Cultural needs
- End of life planning

## Who is eligible for the Palliative Care Program?

Individuals diagnosed with a progressive, life-limiting illness that cannot be cured. The diagnosis must be confirmed by physician prior to enrollment to the Palliative Care Program.

## Is there a cost for this service?

- There is no cost to be registered on the Palliative Care Program.
- The Palliative Care Drug Program is available for Manitoba Residents who are registered on the Palliative Care Program by the Palliative Care Nurse.
- Ambulance costs are not covered by the Palliative Care Program.

## How is someone referred to the Palliative Care Program?

Referrals to the Palliative Care Program can be made by anyone – you, your physician, your family or friends by contacting the Palliative Care Nurse or any other Health Care Provider.

## What happens when a referral is made?

The Palliative Care Nurse will contact you. They can meet with you and your family in your home, or health care facility to discuss your needs and develop a plan of care.

## Volunteers

Volunteers are an important part of the Palliative Care Program. Trained volunteers provide compassionate and confidential support for you and your family at home, or in a health care facility. Types of volunteer services available may vary depending on where you live.

## A Common Hope

At some time, in some way, we must all face the end of life. And most of us share in a common hope - that when death comes, it will be peaceful and free of pain. We hope to feel safe, comfortable and cared for, surrounded by those we love. The Palliative Care Program has been designed to help.