



*Live fully with
comfort and dignity*

About Us

The Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice of Vermont and New Hampshire (VNAH) is a compassionate, non-profit home care organization. We are committed to providing the highest quality home health care and support services to individuals and their families, while also serving the communities in our region with education and wellness programs. Serving 86 towns in Vermont and New Hampshire and covering 3,000 square miles along the Connecticut River Valley, the VNAH cares for more than 6,000 people each year, making over 150,000 home visits to people of all ages and at all stages of life.

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Our Goals

- To help patients live comfortably and fully through the end of life
- To attend to physical, emotional, spiritual and social needs, according to individual and family circumstances

What is Hospice?

Hospice is a concept of care available to people in the final months of their lives. Since Hospice is a philosophy and not a place, home is wherever the patient is. The dedicated Hospice staff provide support to the families, professional caregivers and loved ones of those living with a terminal illness. Patients receive individualized attention emphasizing pain and symptom management as well as emotional support.

Our Services

Our team of skilled medical professionals, counselors and trained volunteers provides the services listed below. Access to emergency nursing care and consultation is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year:

Skilled Nursing

Specially-trained Hospice nurses coordinate patient care and visit patients in their own settings to provide physical care and to assist the family. When appropriate, licensed nurses aides can assist with personal care.

Medical Care

Our medical directors consult with the patient's doctor about any care issues and choices, and they make home visits when appropriate.

Medical Social Work

Coordination of community services is provided to families and individuals to help them cope with problems associated with end of life planning.

Spiritual Care

The Hospice chaplain is available for counseling or to contact the patient's own clergy.

Volunteers

An integral part of Hospice care, specially trained volunteers provide emotional support, companionship and caregiver relief for short periods of time.

Bereavement Support

Home visits and community resources are offered to the patient's family for up to 13 months after a patient's death. Support groups are offered for bereaved family, friends and community members.

Why Choose Hospice?

Patients who choose Hospice can participate fully in the development of their own plan of care, focusing on what is most important to them. Through expert symptom management and pain control, every effort is made to keep patients as alert and comfortable as possible.

Who is Eligible?

Hospice services are available to people facing terminal illness, who choose to discontinue curative treatment and who meet specific criteria. Anyone can request Hospice services. Referral may come from the patient, a family member or health care provider. A physician's order is necessary for admission. We work in collaboration with the physician to help establish eligibility.

When Should Hospice Care Begin?

When curing an illness is no longer appropriate or desired by the patient, Hospice services emphasize comfort and support. The decision to enter the Hospice program should be made as early as possible so that the patient and family can fully benefit from all services.

