



*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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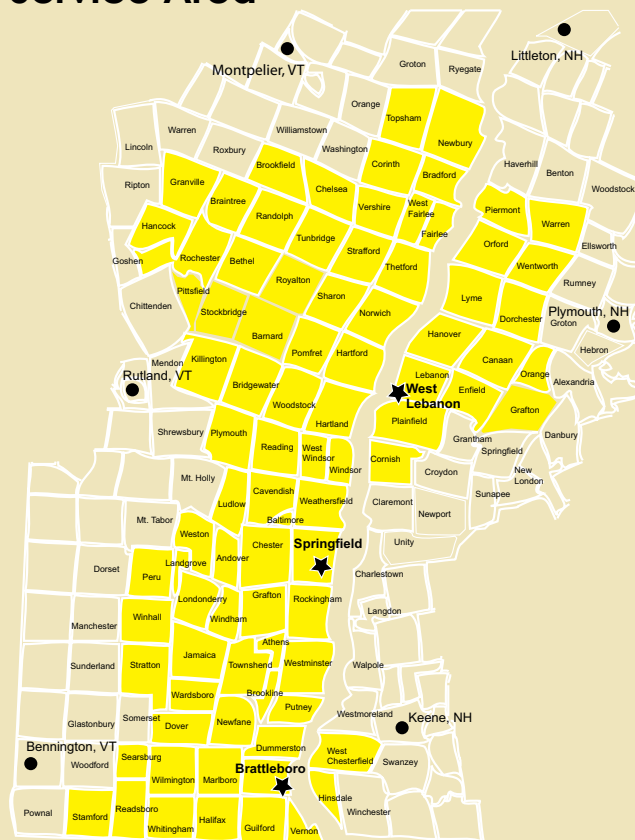
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What is Hospice?

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 and symptom management as well as emotional support.

“The focus and hope of Hospice is that you will live fully with comfort and dignity, even while you may be coming to the end of your life’s journey”

Our Goals

- To assist and support long-term care staff by providing collaborative patient care and education to staff, residents and families.
- To help patients live comfortably and fully through the end of life.
- To assist facility staff in attending to physical, emotional, spiritual and social needs, according to individual and family circumstances.

What Services are Available?

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 with facility staff to provide physical care and to assist the family.

Medical Care

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

Medical Social Work

Services are available 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 and to contact the patient’s own clergy upon request.

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, community members and facility staff 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, facility 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, family, and facility staff can fully benefit from all services.