What is Angela Hospice care?

When a life-limiting diagnosis is received and curative treatments are no longer appropriate, Angela Hospice can do much to bring peace of mind, calm, and comfort to patients and families alike.

Hospice is a special kind of care that uses a holistic approach to help keep the patient comfortable while offering emotional and spiritual support, and teaching the family to provide care. The hospice team creates a custom plan of care tailored to the patient’s and family’s specific needs and wishes. This means you receive the physical, emotional, and spiritual support you desire.

Angela Hospice’s help includes providing medications, supplies, equipment, and other resources, while overseeing and helping with the medical care surrounding the life-limiting illness. Hospice care addresses pain, as well as treating other distressing symptoms, allowing for an optimal level of comfort.

Does hospice mean giving up?

Sometimes people think hospice means giving up. But really it is about embracing life and living it the way you choose to live – free of pain or distressing symptoms and in the place you call “home.” Several studies have added to the body of evidence showing that many patients actually live longer with hospice care.

If at any time after speaking to your physician additional curative treatments are desired, the hospice benefit can be revoked. Hospice services can be re-initiated once treatment is no longer beneficial, or once the burdens of the treatment begin to outweigh the benefits.

Like most people, you probably have a lot of questions about hospice. Our goal is to answer them. We’d like you to know that you can call us anytime or visit us online, for more information or to ask a specific question. Thank you for taking the time to learn about the ways Angela Hospice helps families during the most challenging months, weeks, and days of life.
How do I choose a hospice?

While all hospice programs believe in providing care with respect and dignity, not all hospices are the same. You should choose the hospice provider that is best suited to your needs and values.

Angela Hospice is the only independent, faith-based non-profit hospice in southeast Michigan. Rooted in its mission of providing comprehensive, compassionate, and Christ-like care for patients of every age, creed, color, and belief, Angela Hospice has been caring for families in this community for over 30 years.

Ask a neighbor or a friend – chances are they will share a story about how Angela Hospice touched them or someone they knew. Angela Hospice has served thousands of patients and families and is regarded as an exceptional provider of end-of-life care with a team of highly trained medical professionals who are often called “Angels” by the people who receive our care.

While providing dedicated and innovative care for adult patients, we also developed a well recognized pediatric hospice program, built the first freestanding hospice inpatient facility in Michigan, and opened the first prenatal hospice program in the Midwest.

In addition, Angela Hospice has made education and outreach a key component of its caring ministry, and has distinguished itself as a resource for area healthcare providers, academic institutions, and other local organizations. Our grief support programs, available to all members of the community, have helped families and individuals of all ages, at every stage of their journey with grief.

Who pays for hospice services?

Most patients do not incur any out-of-pocket expenses for hospice services. Hospice is covered by Medicare and Medicaid. Most HMOs and private insurances also comprehensively cover hospice care.

How to begin hospice care...

If hospice sounds like the comforting care you are looking for, for yourself or a loved one, or if you would simply like more information, call Angela Hospice at (734) 464-7810. We would be happy to schedule a meeting to learn more about your needs.

The most common comment we hear from patients and families is, “We wish we knew about you sooner.” So don’t hesitate. Call today to see if Angela Hospice is the right choice for you.

What kind of services are provided?

Hospice care is a supportive service that complements the care that family, friends, or a facility provides to the patient. After enrollment in hospice, an individualized plan of care is created and carried forward through regular scheduled visits by the hospice care team. The team provides education and support while overseeing the care of the patient’s physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual needs. Patients are kept comfortable at all times and families are taught what to expect at every step. Expert hospice nurses are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Each hospice plan includes nursing care, physician services, help with personal care from a hospice aide, resources and assistance from a medical social worker, volunteer help as needed, and spiritual care support as desired. Compassionate grief support services are also available to family and loved ones absolutely free-of-charge.

Who provides hospice care?

Hospice is unlike other modern healthcare systems. In hospice, medical professionals of different disciplines come together to work with a patient’s family and caregivers, to surround the patient with needed support. Because comfort is the focus of hospice care, relief from pain and symptoms is the first priority.

Patients and families always have a say in customizing their individual plan of care. Patients may choose to continue working with their primary care doctor, or to be cared for by Angela Hospice’s physicians and care team. Whether in their own home, a loved one’s home, the beautiful Angela Hospice Care Center, a hospital or nursing home setting, or other residential community, patients receive the benefit of a coordinated holistic approach that nurtures them physically, emotionally, and spiritually, with their personal wishes in mind.