Spero Hospice
AND PALLIATIVE CARE

Palliative Care vs. Hospice

Both focus on comfort, but they are not the same.

Here's a simple guide to help you understand the difference.

Palliative Care

SUPPORT WHILE YOU CONTINUE YOUR REGULAR CARE

Palliative care is meant to provide support while your loved one continues seeing their regular doctors and receiving treatment for their medical conditions. Our palliative care service provides a monthly visit to check on how your loved one is doing, discuss comfort-related concerns, and offer guidance.

It is not a daily or on-call caregiving service, and it does not include a dedicated hospice care team or the provision of medications through our service.

Hospice Care

A COMPREHENSIVE TEAM FOCUSED ON COMFORT

Hospice provides a more comprehensive team approach when a patient qualifies for hospice and chooses comfort-focused care rather than treatment intended to cure the terminal illness. The team includes a hospice nurse, home health aide, social worker, chaplain, and hospice medical director.

Hospice also provides clinical support and access to on-call assistance 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, according to the patient's needs and the hospice plan of care.

At a Glance

A simple, readable side-by-side comparison table

Palliative Care	Feature	Hospice Care
Monthly visit through our service	▦ Frequency of Visits	Ongoing care based on the patient's needs and care plan
Patient generally continues regular medical treatment	♧ Medical Treatment	Focuses on comfort rather than curing the terminal illness
No dedicated RN, Social Worker, Chaplain or Aide through this service	🧍 Care Team	Hospice team includes nursing, aide, social worker and chaplain services as appropriate
No 24/7 on-call service through this program	☎ On-Call Support	24/7 access to hospice clinical support
Does not provide medications through this program. Continues to receive medications through PCP	◇ Medications	Hospice medications related to the terminal illness and related conditions may be covered under hospice rules
No medical supplies or equipment provided through this program	Medical Equipment	DME, incontinence and wound supplies provided

Our goal is to provide the right support at the right time

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