

HOSPICETALK NEWS

HospiceTalk Newsletter

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“ Information is free, Finding Great Care PRICELESS ! ”

Let's Get the Conversation Started:

Everyone at HospiceTalk is a dedicated hospice care veteran. We share a common goal of providing society as a whole, with free, up-to-date, accurate and easily accessible information about end of life care while still maintaining a trusting, compassionate, secure, support network.

Patients and their loved ones should get involved with hospice as soon as they are eligible so that they may take full advantage of the benefits of hospice care. Too often people seek out care with only weeks or days left, and do not enjoy the quality of life - medically, emotionally or spiritually - that they could have enjoyed had they found hospice earlier in their illness. 7 out of 10 Americans say they would prefer to transition at home, hospice makes it possible.



HospiceTalk Chicagoland

Office located in Chicago's scenic downtown this ideal location will house national media center and will become instrumental in relationship based Hospice education and international development services.

What is Hospice?

Hospice is compassionate medical care focusing on comfort and dignity for someone whose life is drawing to a close. Hospice can open time and space for emotional connection, spiritual growth or accomplishing a goal. When quality of life becomes the focus over quantity of life, Hospice supports the patient and the family through their journey and beyond.

Hospice is not just for Cancer patients.

When hospice began in the U.S. in the mid-1970s, most hospice patients had cancer. Today, the majority have other life-limiting illnesses such as end-stage heart, lung or kidney disease, ALS, or Alzheimer's and other dementias.

Hospice is not a place

Hospice is a philosophy of care, not a place. Hospice care can be provided in any place the patient calls home, whether that is a personal home, a skilled nursing center, assisted living facility or anywhere else

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Which Hospice Fits Your Needs? As a unique feature of HospiceTalk, we provide a free locator service that consists of select, screened, reputable agencies. Check out our hospice locator at HospiceTalk.com and select the tab that says FIND in the top right corner. This will allow you to put in your zip code and uncover the best providers in your area. While we've done the initial vetting for you, it is important to make sure that the hospice you select is the right fit for you as an individual.

It's important questions to ask your prospective providers:

- Does the hospice have a facility to provide home-like care in a hospice residence or nursing home?
- What services do your volunteers offer, and how quickly will a volunteer be available?
- Do they offer around-the-clock care?
- Who is available to make the home visit after hours (nurses, doctors, social workers, chaplains) ?
- If I need to go to a hospital or nursing home which ones, does/doesn't the hospice work with?
- How long has the hospice been operating in the community?
- How many patients at any one time are assigned to each hospice staff member who will be caring for me/my loved one?

A Typical CARE TEAM !

