

## Hospice for Cancer Patients

### Reasons to choose Missouri Palliative & Hospice Care for Cancer Patients

*Our Mission is to provide the highest level of comfort and care, honoring and respecting the dignity of each individual, and enhancing the quality of living at the end of life, under the guidance of Christian principles.*



#### INDIVIDUALIZED CARE PLANNING

**We develop individualized plans of care** as patients with advanced cancer progress they experience functional and physiological decline we will develop a POC that addresses pain, anxiety, hydration, nutrition, skin care, nausea, incontinence, weakness, psychological and assistance with ADLs - all common problems associated with advanced cancer.

**We care for patients** wherever they call home –whether in their own home, a caregiver's home, a long term care facility or an assisted living community.

**We will coordinate** the individualized plan of care with the advice and consent of the patient's physician. The case manager will ensure that information flows between all physicians, nurses, social workers, aides, volunteers, and, if appropriate, clergy.

**We will supply** all medications, medical supplies and medical equipment related to the diagnosis to ensure patients have everything they need.

**We will support** the patient as well as the family emotionally and spiritually providing the resources to help both maintain their emotional and spiritual well-being.

**We will train** the caregiver on how to provide basic care to ensure the patient is comfortable and safe in the home. As the patient gets weaker, symptoms increase and communication becomes more difficult, we educate on how to best continue care.

#### CANCER HOSPICE CRITERIA

##### Questions to consider:

- ◆ Is the patient past chemotherapy?
- ◆ Is the patient past radiation therapy?
- ◆ Is the patient currently receiving chemotherapy?
- ◆ Is the patient currently receiving radiation therapy?
- ◆ Is the statistical prognosis for a patient at this stage less than 50% survival at six months?

##### Specific Cancer Types:

###### Lung Cancer

- ◆ Small Cell
- ◆ Untreated or relapse post treatment
- ◆ Non Small Cell
- ◆ Unresectable or relapse post treatment

###### Breast Cancer

- ◆ Metastatic disease
- ◆ Undergoing no treatment

###### Colon Cancer

- ◆ Metastatic disease
- ◆ Advanced local disease

###### Prostate Cancer

- ◆ Metastatic disease
- ◆ Clear clinical decline over the past 6 months