



How Does Palliative Care Differ from Hospice Care?

Both palliative care and hospice treat the patient's mind, body and spirit to improve quality of life. Unlike hospice, palliative care may be used at any point during the course of an illness without the qualification restrictions for hospice set by Medicare or other insurance benefits.



Avow was founded in 1983 as Collier County's original, nonprofit hospice. Today, Avow's nonprofit companies provide palliative care consultations for people facing chronic or serious illness, hospice care, and bereavement support services for children and adults.

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Who Needs Palliative Care?

Palliative care is for anyone diagnosed or living with a serious illness such as cancer, heart disease, lung disease or kidney failure, or other complex condition.

How Does It Help?

The palliative care interdisciplinary team supports you and those who love you. It helps you and your family set goals for the future that lead to a meaningful, enjoyable life while you receive treatment for your illness.

Consider palliative care if you (or your loved one):

- Suffer from pain or other symptoms due to any serious illness
- Experience physical or emotional pain that is not under control
- Need help understanding your situation and coordinating your care



To request a palliative care consultation from Avow, simply ask your physician or nurse practitioner or call Avow at (239) 304-1600 and we'll notify your physician for you.

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What Is It?

Palliative care is comprehensive, holistic treatment of the discomfort, symptoms and distress associated with serious illness. Its goal is to prevent and ease suffering and improve your quality of life. Palliative care complements your primary treatment; it does not replace other forms of care.

Palliative care provides relief from pain, shortness of breath, drowsiness, constipation, nausea, loss of appetite, sleep disturbance, depression, anxiety and many other symptoms. It can also help you deal with the side effects of the medical treatments you receive.

Palliative Care Offers:

- Expert treatment of pain and other symptoms so you can achieve the best relief possible
- Open discussion about treatment choices, including treatment for your disease and management of your symptoms
- Coordination of your care with all of your health care providers
- Emotional support for you and your family

When Should You Seek Palliative Care Support?

It's never too early to start palliative care. In fact, it occurs at the same time as all other treatments for your illness and does not depend on the course of your disease. Palliative care is available throughout your serious illness.

Why Seek Palliative Care from Avow?

Since 1983, Avow has provided whole-person medical/spiritual/emotional support in Collier County. Our palliative care physicians, nurse practitioners, social workers and chaplains are specially trained in palliative care and can treat residents in southwest Florida.

We are nonprofit, mission-driven and dedicated to improving wellbeing and quality of life in our community.

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Send faxes to 239-280-5999.



Who Pays for Palliative Care?

The billing process for palliative care is similar to a typical doctor visit. Fees vary depending on the complexity of your needs. Avow accepts Medicare, private insurance and personal funds as payment for palliative care. You may be responsible for deductibles and/or coinsurance as determined by Medicare or your insurance carrier.

