

A purple-tinted background featuring several birds in flight, rendered in a light, sketch-like style. The birds are scattered across the upper portion of the image, with some appearing larger and more detailed than others.

Bringing Comfort to Each Day





A New Source of Hope

Hospice care isn't about dying; it's about living the last chapter of your life with peace, acceptance and dignity. No matter where your journey takes you, the Sharp HospiceCare team will be there, offering comfort and support every step of the way.

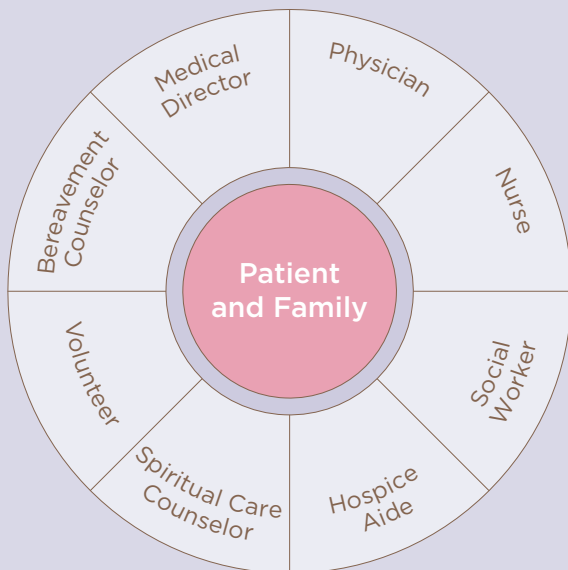
Our interdisciplinary team of compassionate caregivers includes a medical director, physicians, case manager, registered nurses, social workers, hospice aides, spiritual care counselors, bereavement counselors, integrative therapy practitioners and volunteers.

As specialists in end-of-life care, we understand the unique physical and emotional challenges you and your loved ones face when choosing hospice. Every member of our team is dedicated to easing your transition and supporting your loved ones during and after your care.

Care can be provided in your own home, the hospital, a skilled nursing facility or one of our hospice homes in San Diego County. Our staff provides patients with a variety of services:

- Pain control and symptom management
- Emotional and spiritual care
- Personal care and comfort
- Resources and education
- Respite care
- Companionship
- Bereavement services

Sharp HospiceCare has touched the lives of many San Diegans, including our veterans. Through our We Honor Veterans program, we are focused on providing compassionate care, tailored to veterans' needs, and making them feel comfortable and appreciated. The program includes a special pinning ceremony and flag presentation to salute men and women in service, and pay tribute to their important contributions to our nation.





Hospice Homes — Unique Living Environments

For patients requiring a higher level of care not available at their own residence, Sharp HospiceCare operates homes specially designed to provide end-of-life care and support in a comfortable, welcoming setting.



Our hospice homes are located in established residential neighborhoods throughout San Diego County, and offer a serene environment for residents and families to gather and enjoy their time together. Each home is staffed 24 hours a day by licensed nurses and features private patient rooms, spacious living rooms, family rooms, dining rooms and outdoor gardens.

Comprehensive Bereavement Support

Feelings of grief and loss are natural reactions when a loved one passes. Family and friends need a safe and supportive environment in which they can share their experiences, gain a better understanding of the grieving process, and learn how to help themselves move from feelings of despair to hope.

The bereavement counselors at Sharp HospiceCare provide comprehensive support services for children, adults and families, including:

- Individual and family counseling
- In-home bereavement visits
- Routine telephone contact
- Support groups and activities
- Monthly newsletter mailings
- Community education and referral

Our Commitment to You

At Sharp HospiceCare, we are committed to delivering compassionate care to you and your family.

Our specially trained staff will help guide you through the hospice journey. It's all part of the extraordinary level of care we call The Sharp Experience. To learn more, call us at **619-667-1900**, or toll-free at **1-800-681-9188**, or visit **sharp.com/hospice**.

Eligibility for Hospice Services

You do not have to be a Sharp patient to receive Sharp HospiceCare services. Reimbursement for hospice services is usually covered by one of the following: Medicare, Medi-Cal, private insurance or charity care. Sharp HospiceCare accepts patients based on their health needs, not on their ability to pay.

Medicare guidelines allow for coverage of all hospice care directly associated with end-of-life illness. In addition, services that may be covered under the hospice benefit include medical supplies and equipment; homemaker services (including simple errands and light housekeeping in the patient area); music therapy; and grief counseling for the immediate family and significant others.

The level of care is determined through a patient assessment. At every level, patients have access to a hospice nurse 24 hours a day, seven days a week, at 619-667-1900.



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