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Inpatient Palliative Care Unit



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About

When we enter this world, we are surrounded by love, comfort, and care and we deserve the same when we leave.

With the aim of alleviating pain and suffering in terminally or seriously ill patients, palliative care services in Taichung Veterans General Hospital began in 1993 and a palliative care inpatient unit was founded in 2003.



Services

Palliative care is offered by an interdisciplinary team consisting specialist palliative care medical and nursing staff, social worker, multi-faith chaplains, art therapist, psychological counsellor, volunteers, and others.

Our inpatient services provide:

1. Physical symptoms control
2. Physical hygiene care
3. Psychological support and counselling
4. Spiritual and religious care
5. Social welfare and support
6. Emotional and spiritual Support for patients' family and friends
7. Discharge planning
8. Bereavement care
9. Referral to other services



Who are eligible ?

People diagnosed with terminal stage of cancer, dementia, neurodegenerative diseases, heart disease, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, Cystic fibrosis, severe fibrotic lung disease, chronic liver disease, liver cirrhosis or renal failure; or frail elderly patients are eligible to access palliative care services.

Inpatient palliative care service is specific for patients who have an uncontrolled physical or psycho-existential distress. An informed consent for a do-not-resuscitate order (DNR) is needed. National Health Insurance would cover the hospitalization costs, though extra charge would apply if you request a single en-suite room.

What is the inpatient unit like?

Creating a home-like environment is one of the top priorities in our service. We have 2 single rooms with their own toilet and 16 4-bed bays. There is also a lounge with a fishpond, a piano, and a comfortable couch. Furthermore, you will find some cooking facilities, praying rooms, a computer room, a bathing suite and a consultation room in the unit



How to access?

You can make an appointment with one of our palliative care consultants in the outpatient department, or you can ask your doctor to make the referral.

Our palliative care consultants are:

Dr. Chung-Chieh Hu

Dr. Lung-Chun Lee

How to find us?

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Donate

Part of services we offer are supported by the charitable Hua-Kong Social Welfare Foundation, including Art Psychotherapy, Spiritual and religious care, psychological counselling, bereavement care and social welfare. Your donation will help us continue to provide vital end of life care for others. Please contact our reception desk in the inpatient unit for further information.

Let's take the quiz to make sure you understand

1. The palliative care unit of our hospital was established in 1992. It currently has a total of 18 beds, including 2 beds in single rooms and 16 beds in health insurance rooms.

Yes No Don't know

2. Will my health insurance cover my stay in the palliative care ward?

Yes No Don't know

3. Applications for inpatient services in the palliative care unit of our hospital are not subject to assessment before admission.

Yes No Don't know

4. Members of the hospice team include palliative care specialists, nurses, social workers and counseling psychologists, art therapists, religious teachers and volunteers.

Yes No Don't know

5. Palliative care is another treatment method in which we change the direction of treatment and continue to accompany patients and their families when curative treatments (such as surgery, chemotherapy, and radiotherapy) are not effective or the side effects are beyond tolerance.

Yes No Don't know