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Palliative Care consultation

Hospice shared-care



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Living with your illness

Having serious or life-limiting illnesses can affect many areas of your day-to-day life. You might have a variety of physical distress, such as pain, breathlessness, vomit, nausea, oedema, and so on. You might also need to face the financial impact and try to come to terms with the reality of your life expectancy. At the same time, a range of emotions might be experienced, such as anger, fear, depression, hopelessness and even guilt. At times you might feel sad and depressed; at times you might have a sense of hope. All these feelings are normal, understood and respected and we are here in your corner to support you every step of the way.

Palliative care consultation / Hospice shared-care

All inpatients in our hospital can be referred to accept palliative care consultation (hospice shared-care), when it is needed. Our palliative care team works in partnership with other professionals involved in your care. We will visit you in your ward and tailor an individual care plan according to your needs and preference.

Our goal is to achieve the best quality of life for you and your families. We will provide treatment and care to address some of the physical, emotional or existential issues you may face. Supporting you to live life to the full and maintaining your dignity and independence until the very end of life is what we are concerned most with. This service is free of charge if your hospitalization cost is covered by National Health Insurance.

Our services

Palliative care consultation service includes:

- Cooperating with your doctor and other professionals to tailor an individual care plan for you.
- Assessing your physical, psychological-existential needs and providing relevant treatment.
- Providing specific interventions to ease your distress, e.g. mouth care, lymph oedema care.
- Supporting you and your family through emotional difficulties including bereavement care

- Offering information and advice regarding daily care, medical treatment, illness prognosis or complementary therapy.
- Helping you and your family make medical decisions regarding withdrawal/withholding treatment, and a do-not-resuscitate (DNR).
- Referral to other services, if needed

How to access?

A request for palliative care consultation should be made by your doctor. After that, your needs will be assessed by the palliative care team. If you have any queries and would like to have an opportunity to discuss any related issues, you can drop-in to the reception desk in the palliative care inpatient unit to see how we can help and support you.

Our address:

Taichung Veterans General Hospital
Inpatient Palliative Care Unit:
11F, 2nd Medical Building,
1650 Taiwan Boulevard Sect. 4, Taichung, Taiwan 40705, ROC

The palliative care team includes specialist palliative care medical and nursing professionals, social workers, multi-faith chaplains, art therapists, psychological counsellors, volunteers, and others, apart from those professionals who already are involved in your usual care

Contact us

During Office hours, you can call a palliative care consultant nurse.
TEL: 04-23592525, ext. 3860 or 3861

During out-of-work hours, you can contact the inpatient palliative care unit to leave your messages.

TEL: 04-23592525, ext. 8116 or 8117

Donate

Part of the services we offer are supported by the charitable foundation of Huei-Kong, including 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. All inpatients in our hospital can be referred to accept palliative care consultation (hospice shared-care).

Yes No Don't know

2. This service is free of charge if your hospitalization cost is covered by National Health Insurance.

Yes No Don't know

3. Do not help you and your family to make medical decisions regarding withdrawal/withholding treatment, and a do-not-resuscitate (DNR).

Yes No Don't know

4. A request for palliative care consultation should be made by your doctor.

Yes No Don't know

5. During Office hours, you can call a palliative care consultant nurse. TEL: 04-23592525, ext. 3860 or 3861.

Yes No Don't know