

Palliative Care of Northeastern Illinois

Community Education



PALLIATIVE CARE
of Northeastern Illinois

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- What is the Palliative Care?
 - Consultative service that assesses, prevents, and can treat pain and other physical, psychological and spiritual problems.
 - We work with your doctor to complement the medical treatment you or your loved one is already receiving
 - For any Chronic or Serious Illness
 - Palliative care is most effective when started at the time of diagnosis, at any stage.



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- What are some examples of a chronic or serious disease?
 - MS
 - Cancer
 - Stroke
 - ALS
 - COPD
 - Kidney Illness
 - Liver Illness
 - Heart Disease
 - Dementia / Alzheimer's
 - Diabetes
 - Parkinson's Disease



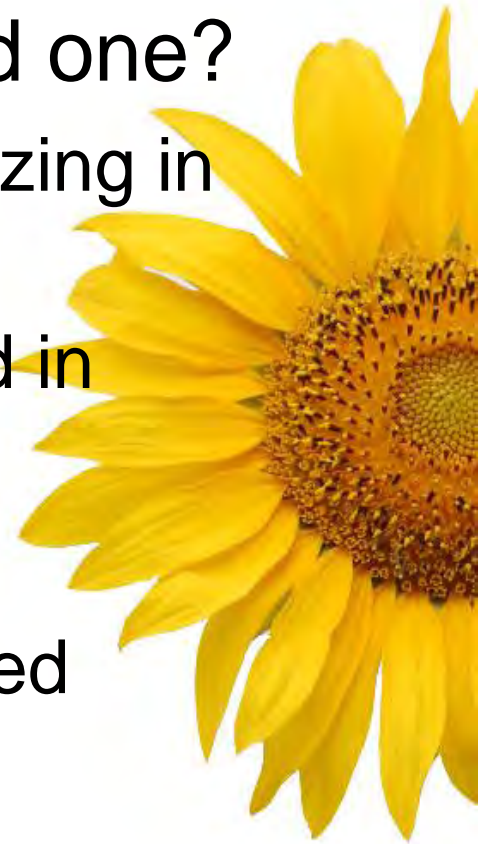
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- What else can Palliative Care do for me or my loved one?
 - In addition to controlling your pain and symptoms associated with illness or medication...
 - Coordinate care
 - Reduce emergency room and doctor visits
 - Clarify your healthcare goals and options
 - Consult where you or your loved one lives



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- Who would visit me or my loved one?
 - Board-certified physician specializing in palliative care
 - Advanced practice nurse certified in palliative care
 - Trained patient care volunteers
 - Social worker/chaplain if requested



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- Do you or your loved one experience...
 - Pain
 - Difficulty sleeping
 - Loss of appetite
 - Shortness of breath
 - Fatigue
 - Nausea
- Do you or your loved one experience...
 - Confusion about what the doctor said?
 - Confusion about multiple medications that don't seem to help?
 - Frustration about multiple doctor visits?
 - Confusion about the different treatments?



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- Who pays for Palliative Care?
 - Covered by Medicare part B
 - Covered by most private insurance
 - Palliative Care of Northeastern Illinois will verify your coverage for you



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- Palliative Care of Northeastern Illinois will:
 - Help you gain the strength to carry on with daily life
 - Improve your ability to tolerate medical treatments
 - Help you understand your choices for care



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- How is Palliative Care different than Hospice Care?
 - Hospice Care is for those who:
 - Forgo curative treatment
 - Are at a point where medical interventions no longer reverse or slow down the disease process
 - Choose comfort care as their primary treatment plan.



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- How do I access Palliative Care of Northeastern Illinois?
 - Call today and speak to a Care Coordinator at 800-425-4444
 - www.palliativeanswers.org

