



Visiting Nurses Association Philadelphia: family-centered, holistic, hospice care in all settings

Hospice care focuses on quality of life through pain and symptom management for terminally ill patients. VNA prioritizes safety, comfort and dignity of patients in their familiar surroundings, while supporting families through this critical time. VNA is a subsidiary of Public Health Management Corporation, a nonprofit public health institute that creates and sustains healthier communities.

Benefits of Hospice

Circle of Care: each patient's multidisciplinary care team includes a medical director, RN, CNA, social worker, and chaplain offering individualized medical, social, and spiritual support.

Hospice is an extension of your care

- Hospice staff is on call 24/7 to support physicians and families
- Additional support for patients and families at a critical phase
- Seamless care coordination across healthcare settings and reduction of hospital re-admittance

Specialized end-of-life care for patients & families

- Pain & symptom management to prioritize quality of life
- Education for patients & families on what to expect in the course of the disease and how to provide basic care
- Durable Medical Equipment (DME) based on diagnosis and other support services like transportation

VNA Hospice Services

VNA provides services across all settings, including Routine Home Care, Continuous Care, Inpatient Care, and Respite Care. VNA's legacy of serving the Philadelphia community dates back to 1886.

Inpatient Unit

New 15-bed facility at PHMC Public Health Campus on Cedar in West Philadelphia.

- VNA care will stabilize patients with unmanaged symptoms
- State of the art facility focused on the needs of hospice patients
- Private rooms and space for families including a counseling/bereavement room and a cafeteria
- Respite services for caregiver relief

At-home Services

Bringing our high-quality, compassionate care to wherever patients consider home.

- Homes
- Nursing Homes
- Assisted Living Facilities
- Hospitals

Continuum of Care

We offer integrated support beyond hospice, including palliative and home health.

Eligibility

- A patient has a six-month, disease-specific diagnosis
- An illness is not responding to curative treatment, or a patient decides they no longer want to pursue curative treatment
- It's ideal to refer patients before they go to the hospital
- If you're unsure about a hospice referral, VNA is available to complete an evaluation

The Hospice Conversation

- Hospice options can alleviate the pressure of the topic for physicians and families, and lessen the burden of uncertainty
- VNA's team of specialists know how to have the crucial hospice conversation with patients and families; we are here to support you in the discussion and in making the referral

**For more information & referrals, contact VNA Philadelphia:
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VNA's Hospice Inpatient Unit lives within the PHMC Public Health Campus on Cedar, an innovative and integrated public health campus designed to serve the West and Southwest Philadelphia communities. The Campus offers primary care through the PHMC Health Center on Cedar, a Federally Qualified Health Center serving adults and children. The Campus also provides a host of additional programs, including an Emergency Department, inpatient hospital care and psychiatric care by the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania and other services provided in the near future by the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.