

Hospice is not a place

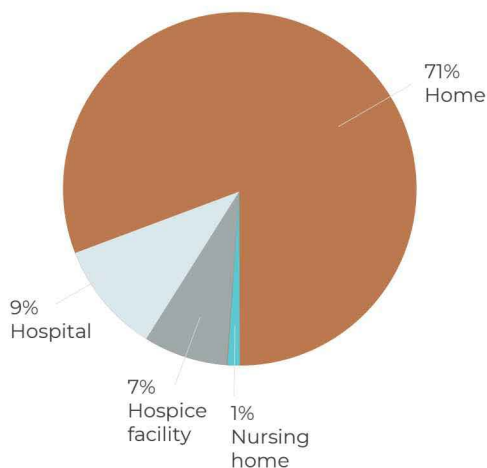


A common misconception is that hospice is a “place.” In fact, hospice is a plan of care. It is a unique health care approach in which the patient and family are the focus, not the disease, and the care may be provided in a variety of settings.

When planning customized end-of-life care for hospice patients, we consider the patient's and family's wishes for where our care is best delivered. Primarily we provide our care wherever the patient calls home. This may be a personal home or apartment, a relative or friend's home, assisted living facility or nursing home. When medically necessary, our services are also available to hospitalized individuals.

Research shows that 71% of Americans would prefer to die at home if given the chance, while 9% say they would choose a hospital, 7% say they would choose a hospice facility and only 1% say they would choose a nursing home.*

Choice of location for end-of-life care*



While the comfort and familiarity of home is the top choice, only 51.5 % of Medicare beneficiary hospice deaths occurred in the home, while more than a third occurred between nursing facilities, hospice inpatient facilities and assisted living facilities.**

What is an inpatient unit?

While the majority of hospice care is provided in the home, there are independent facilities designed for hospice services. Inpatient hospice units may be used when treatment in a hospital is not necessary, care where the patient lives is not possible or for respite care to offer families a break from home caregiving. While many of these facilities offer a home-like environment, families might feel excluded because the patient is taken out of their care, and no matter how hard everyone tries, it is never “home.”***

Our place is by your side

Contact us to learn more about our hospice team and our services. We provide clinical excellence with compassion and dignity to those we serve. We create individualized care plans with consideration for the patient's and family's wishes, including where our care is delivered. We are here.



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*Kaiser Family Foundation Views and Experiences with End-of-Life Medical Care in the U.S., 2017

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