

"WE WISH WE HAD
STARTED HOSPICE
SOONER."

SCHEDULING A CONSULTATION

Call us at **517-263-2323**
or visit our website at
www.hospiceoflenawee.org
to schedule a consultation by a
Hospice of Lenawee
nurse or to schedule
a patient home assessment.

It is a comment we hear
almost universally
from families who have
experienced the benefits of
Hospice of Lenawee.

Our patients tell us that they
wish their physician had
recommended hospice care sooner.
But we know many physicians may
struggle with determining if their
patients are ready to consider
hospice as a choice.

An important goal of Hospice of
Lenawee is to provide guidance
to physicians, their patients and
their patients' families about when
hospice care may become
a beneficial option.



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We Carry Your Heart in Our Heart

**OPENING THE DOORS
TO BETTER
END OF LIFE CARE**



*Helping
Patients
Benefit
Sooner*



ASSISTING IN THE HOSPICE CONVERSATION

Our goal is to support you in your efforts to provide better end of life care by making our nurses available to speak with your patients and their families about the hospice decision, and offer them insights, information and guidance.

When it is time to consider the hospice option with a patient, we can have a trained compassionate hospice nurse join you in your office to continue the conversation you've initiated with your patient and their family.

We can help you ensure your patient and their family has the undivided individual attention of someone who understands their emotional journey. Our nurses will spend all the time your patient needs to answer any questions and concerns, and help them gain a clear understanding of what choosing hospice care means.

We can also assist by visiting your patient in their home to determine hospice appropriateness. If you have a patient who appears to be meeting any of the following indications we'd be happy to make a home visit.

INDICATIONS HOSPICE CARE MIGHT BE THE SOLUTION

- Increasing Emergency Room visits and/or hospitalizations for complications of disease
- Calling your office more often
- Slower to bounce back after a set back
- Family seems more stressed, overwhelmed, unable to handle increasing caregiving duties
- Patient needs frequent assistance in ADLs
- Patient experiencing increased pain, current pain medications seem less effective
- Patient experiencing issues with shortness of breath, nausea or other symptoms
- Patient's family expressing that the patient seems emotionally withdrawn, is sleeping more or having difficulty with comprehension
- The patient or members of their family appear to need emotional support
- Patient/family choosing to focus on comfort rather than cure of the disease
- Need help with advanced care planning



HELPING DETERMINE WHEN HOSPICE IS THE RIGHT CHOICE

Hospice of Lenawee has specialized teams of caregivers who are uniquely trained in management of life limiting illnesses such as:

- Kidney Disease
- Liver Disease
- Lung Disease
- Cancer
- Dementia
- Cardiac Disease

We can help you determine if your patients are hospice appropriate and can benefit from hospice support. Hospice care can help greatly in the day-to-day living of your patients and their families as they deal with their serious illness. Our efforts can help keep your patients at home and avoid re-hospitalization.