“WE WISH WE HAD STARTED HOSPICE SOONER.”

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.

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.

OPENING THE DOORS TO BETTER END OF LIFE CARE

We Carry Your Heart in Our Heart

Helping Patients Benefit Sooner
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 setback
- 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- Patient’s family expressing that the patient seems emotionally withdrawn, is sleeping more or having difficulty with comprehension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.