

"You matter because you are you. You matter to the last moment of your life. We will do all we can, not only to help you die peacefully, but also to help you live until you die."

Dr. Cicely Saunders, Founder, St. Christopher's Hospice, London, England

At Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health Center, we believe that each individual and their loved ones deserve to live fully during the final phase of life. This means different things to different people. Our goal is to help you meet your needs: Comfort, Respect, Joy, and Support.

We want to support you through all the "hellos and good-byes," the situations in which you need to say "I forgive you," "I forgive myself," "I thank you," and "I love you."

We believe you deserve the most advanced medical support and symptom management with the most basic of human caring.

Death is a natural conclusion of each of our lives on earth. This final road can be a powerful experience. We would like to help.

The Hospice Team

Our interdisciplinary team is composed of you, your physician, our hospice medical director, specially qualified and caring nurses, a case manager, a dietitian, therapists, clergy, and volunteers. These professionals work with you in a coordinated way so that care is planned, implemented, and evaluated based on your individual needs and wishes. Each member of the team believes in the purpose and goals of hospice care. They have received in-depth training to meet the physical, spiritual, and social challenges of the hospice experience.

Our Hospice Team works closely with Hospice of the Upper Valley and Hospice VNA for an effective range of care.

For more information about the Hospice Program, please call (802) 674-7144.

Our Hospice Services:

- Nationally-certified Hospice Medical Director
- Nationally-certified Hospice Registered Nurses
- Pain Management Program
- Symptom Management Program
- Spiritual Support
- Recreational Therapy
- Coordinated Care Planning
- All of the resources of the Hospital
- Memorial Recognition
- Annual Memorial Service
- Caring people caring for people

Hospice Eligibility

The hospice program is available to anyone who chooses comfort care in the face of a life threatening illness. Patients are welcome regardless of age, race, color, sex, creed, national origin or diagnosis.