

Admission Criteria for the Hospice Bed

- have a progressive life limiting illness;
- have a Palliative Performance Score (PPS) of 40% or less; priority will be given to a lower PPS scoring;
- live in the district of Timiskaming and surrounding area, or wish to return to this area to be with family at end of life;
- no longer wish to receive active disease modifying treatment;
- "Do Not Resuscitate (DNR)" has been established through the physician's order, and DNRC form;
- have care needs that exceed the supports available from the family (primary caregivers) &/or care needs that exceed the supports available in the community or the individual does not wish to die at home;
- have consented to admission to hospital / hospice care and will be accompanied by family members as required;
- have a life expectancy which is anticipated to be less than 3 months; and
- have been assessed by a Physician or Nurse Practitioner (N.P.) within the last two (2) weeks.

Hospice Palliative Care Team

- Temiskaming Hospital Hospice Palliative Care Coordinator
- Quality Coordinator
- Clinical Nurse Manager – Medical/Surgical Unit
- Palliative Care – Physician Lead
- Team Leader – Medical/Surgical Unit (or designate)
- Nursing with Advanced Palliative Care Training
- Social Work
- Timiskaming Hospice Palliative Care Volunteer Coordinator (South)
- Timiskaming Hospice Palliative Care Program Coordinator
- North East Community Care Access Centre (NE CCAC)

Community Programs



Timiskaming Hospice Palliative Care

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Temiskaming Hospital Hospice Palliative Care Suite Program and Services



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Temiskaming Hospital and Timiskaming Hospice Palliative Care are dedicated to providing the collaborative delivery of palliative care to those we serve. We strive to help individuals and families enhance the continuity and quality of life as they transition to the end-of-life.

Quality Palliative Care:

- Focuses on the concerns of patients and families
- Provides relief to pain and other physical symptoms such as loss of appetite, shortness of breath and fatigue
- Examines the whole person—considering the emotional and spiritual needs of patients and families while respecting their social and cultural needs
- Ensures that care is respectful and supportive of patient dignity
- Is provided by an interprofessional team who looks at all facets of a person (emotional, physical, and spiritual) and includes medical and nursing professionals, as well as, social workers and spiritual leaders.

Our Focus is on providing individualized care for each patient and family members while being sensitive to issues that may arise with physical needs, disease management, psychological needs, social, spiritual and practical needs, and those needs surrounding loss, grief and end of life support.



Frequently Asked Questions

1. **How much will the Hospice Bed Cost?**
Admission to the Hospice bed is covered under OHIP with your Ontario Health Card.
2. **Will my family physician still be involved?** Your care will be managed by a hospital physician which will be your family physician if you have one.
3. **What are the visiting hours for the Hospice bed?** There are no visiting hour restrictions for the Hospice bed.
4. **Will I be allowed to stay with my loved one overnight?** There is a large comfortable chair in the room as well as a pull out couch in the Family Room for member of the family who wish to stay overnight.
5. **We have young children? Will they be allowed to visit?** Young children are welcome to visit as they are part of the family circle. We ask parents to supervise their children and bring simple activities for them to do should they be of the age where they need to be kept occupied. Hospital staff is not responsible for monitoring children who are visiting.
6. **What about meals?** Family and loved ones sharing the suite are welcome to bring their own food into the Hospice Suite to enjoy. A small fridge/freezer, toaster, microwave and Keurig are provided for your convenience. Dinnerware and cutlery are provided as well, individuals using the suite are asked to wash their own dishes. In addition, frozen dinners can be purchased at the Gift Shop and a limited amount of snack items are provided compliments of Temiskaming Palliative Care donations.
7. **What should I bring if I or my loved one is staying in the Hospice bed?** You can bring clothing or personal items such as hairbrush, toothbrush, shaving kit, slippers or footwear.
8. **Is my Priest or Spiritual Advisor welcome to be part of my care?** Absolutely, they are most welcome.
9. **What housekeeping services are provided?** Housekeeping will clean the Palliative Care Suite daily and additionally upon request. Housekeepers will remove patient trays and other hospital utensils. Family and guests are welcome to use the dishes and utensils out of the kitchenette and are asked to wash any dishes that are used. Dish detergent, washcloths and a dishrack are available in the kitchenette. A small stock of additional fresh linen and towels is available in the suite and will be replenished as necessary. If you have any questions about use of the kitchenette, do not hesitate to ask our helpful staff who would be happy to assist you.