

Hospice Philosophy, Goals of Care & Interdisciplinary Team

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Objectives

- ▶ The participant will be able to describe the Hospice philosophy & goals of care

Hospice Philosophy

- ▶ Hospice is a philosophy of care for patients whose illness is no longer responding to curative treatment
- ▶ Hospice treats the individual and family as a unit; collaborating with them on the development of a plan of care that meets the goals and wishes of the patient

Hospice Philosophy

- ▶ Hospice encourages the patient and family to be involved in the decision-making process and affirms their roles as drivers of the Plan of Care
- ▶ Hospice can be provided in:
 - Patient's home or family member's home
 - Nursing home
 - Hospital
 - Assisted living facility

Hospice Philosophy

- ▶ Hospice believes that death is an integral part of the life cycle and that end of life care should focus on pain relief, comfort and enhanced quality of life
- ▶ Hospice recognizes the potential for growth that often exists within the dying experience for the individual and his/her family and seeks to protect and nurture this potential

Hospice Philosophy

- ▶ The Hospice philosophy utilizes a holistic interdisciplinary approach to end-of-life that offers physical, social, spiritual and emotional care to the patient and caregiver
- ▶ The interdisciplinary team is the “heart of hospice”

MERRIMACK VALLEY HOSPICE

- ▶ Founded in 1980
- ▶ Medicare and Medicaid certified
- ▶ State Licensed
- ▶ Governed by a voluntary Board of Directors
- ▶ Agency mission is to create and deliver innovative and responsive community health programs which provide effective and compassionate care

MVH – HOSPICE HOUSE

- ▶ Opened in 2009
- ▶ 21 private suites
- ▶ Only hospice residence in the region that is licensed to care for children

- ▶ Provides care based on specific criteria
 - General Inpatient Care
 - Routine Care