

Did You Know?

Gulfside offers a wide variety of services to patients and families.

The experienced staff at Gulfside Hospice support patients and their families while focusing on relieving symptoms and offering comfort from pain, shortness of breath, fatigue, nausea, anxiety, insomnia or constipation. Our services include:

- On-staff hospice physicians offering pain management and home visits, with the option to see the patient's own physician.
- Experienced nurses ensuring physical comfort and monitoring conditions to adjust medications as needed, available 24/7.
- Coordination of medical supplies, medications, and equipment related to the life-limiting illness.
- CNAs assisting with personal care.
- Social workers helping patients and families navigate the challenges of a life-limiting illness.
- Non-denominational chaplains offering spiritual support tailored to individual needs.
- Volunteers providing assistance with errands, caregiver breaks, and other needs based on patient preferences.

Gulfside Centers for Hospice Care

The Rucki Hospice Care Center
5760 Dean Dairy Road | Zephyrhills, FL 33542

Dr. Jay Weil Center for Hospice Care
5299 Deer Park Road | New Port Richey, FL 34653

Gulfside Hospice operates two Gulfside Centers for Hospice Care, providing 24/7 short-term care for patients whose needs cannot be managed at home. Staffed by round-the-clock nurses, the Centers offer comprehensive support, including visits from physicians, social workers, chaplains, and volunteers, ensuring the same high level of care as patients receive at home.



Making Every Day Count



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We are happy to answer your questions. Contact us anytime.

Referrals: 800-817-9941

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Gulfside Hospice is the first hospice in Pasco County to receive The Joint Commission Gold Seal of Approval for outstanding quality practices and patient care.



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The Benefits of an Early Hospice Referral

Decreases the Number of Hospitalizations

When patients are seen routinely by Gulfside's clinical team, the patient's symptoms are monitored closely, and are addressed before they require emergency treatment, keeping the patient from going in and out of the hospital unnecessarily.

Quality of Living Improves

Gulfside Hospice focuses on pain control and symptom management, which maximizes the quality of the patient's time to live. When those factors are controlled, the patient can experience a better quality of life with loved ones.

Foundations for Relationships with the Clinical Team are Developed

Gulfside's approach to patient care focuses on the care needs of the entire family. When the clinical team has more time to earn trust and respect from the patient and family, their end-of-life experience is more peaceful, and our team can better serve the needs of the entire family.

Patients Live Longer

Recent studies indicate that patients who enroll in hospice early vs. later receive care that results in better management of symptoms, which leads to stabilization of their disease that prolongs their survival. *(2010 New England Journal of Medicine)*



Frequently Asked Questions

Who provides hospice care?

The hospice care team includes board-certified hospice physicians, registered nurses, licensed social workers, chaplains, home health aides and volunteers. This interdisciplinary team provides expertise for medical, emotional and spiritual needs for patients and their families.

Who pays for hospice?

Services are paid for by Medicare, Medicaid, HMOs, private health insurance, personal payments and charitable donations. Through community donations, Gulfside is able to provide quality care for all who need us, regardless of their ability to pay.

Is hospice only for cancer patients?

No. Almost 60% of hospice patients nationwide have a diagnosis other than cancer. Hospice serves families coping with the end stages of chronic diseases like emphysema, Alzheimer's disease, heart and neuromuscular diseases. Hospice is for patients with a life expectancy of six months or less if the disease should run its normal course.

Levels of Care

Routine Home Care

Routine home care is the most common level of hospice care, provided at home, in nursing facilities, or assisted living. It includes nursing care, home health aide visits, volunteer support, psychosocial services, and medications, equipment, and supplies related to the terminal diagnosis, with services tailored to the patient's changing needs.

Crisis Home Care

Crisis care offers temporary, intensive support at home, in nursing, or assisted living facilities for unmanaged symptoms, rapid decline, or to prevent hospitalization. Provided for at least eight hours within 24 hours, this care stabilizes patients and supplements routine care.

Inpatient Care

General inpatient care addresses severe symptoms in Gulfside Centers or partner facilities, providing intensive support until symptoms are stabilized, after which patients return to routine care.

Respite Care

Respite care offers up to 5 days of support in an institutional setting when primary caregivers need a temporary break. This service is available as needed but cannot begin directly after a hospital discharge.

You can call us any time, 24/7, and speak to a nurse for more information:

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