

# PASS Benefits of Palliative Care Understanding How Palliative Care Can Enhance Quality of Life



## What is Palliative Care?

Palliative care is a medical specialty that provides an extra layer of support for people with a serious, chronic illness at any stage. Our focus is to support yound on your terms. This care can also be provided even if the patient is seeking treatments for the illness.



### The Benefits:

#### Comprehensive Symptom Management

Palliative care aims to enhance the quality of life by managing symptoms such as pain, nausea, fatigue, and shortness of breath. When introduced early, it allows for proactive symptom control, providing comfort and easing stress for both patients and their care givers.

#### **Care Coordination**

Palliative care ensures better coordination with other medical treatments. This proactive approach helps in avoiding unnecessary hospitalizations and streamlining healthcare services, leading to a more seamless and integrated care experience. Coordinated care also alleviates the burden on families, allowing them to focus on providing emotional support.

#### **Emotional & Spiritual Support**

Early engagement in palliative care provides an extended period for patients and families to receive emotional and spiritual support. Coping with a serious illness becomes more manageable, and individuals can navigate the emotional journey with the assistance of our compassionate care team.

#### **Enhanced Quality of Life**

By introducing palliative care early in the course of a serious illness, individuals can experience a prolonged period of enhanced quality of life. It empowers patients to maintain their independence, engage in activities they enjoy, and foster meaningful connections with their loved ones, creating a sense of comfort and support.



# APASS PALLIATIVE CARE PROGRAM

WITH THE SUPPORT OF A Care Ally





24/7 Nurse Support Line

Check Ins from Compass staff on vour needs



Providing support to cope with the stress of living with illness

Assisting those who support you



Helping with symptom management medication prescription refills

Coordinating with your care team



Support navigating the healthcare system

Linking you to resources to help you overcome barriers.

Learn more about our **Palliative Care program** 



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