

~Philosophy~

We believe in the dignity of the individual. Palliative care affirms life. Palliative care proclaims the right of the dying person and the family to be supported and cared for in a holistic manner. Our palliative care service exists in the hope and belief that through appropriate care and the promotion of a caring community that is sensitive to their needs, patients, families and caregivers may be free to attain a degree of mental and spiritual preparation for death that is satisfying to them.

- ~ We are committed to the education of caregivers, patients and families.
- ~ We believe that the patient has the right to self-determination.
- ~ Palliative care extends beyond the death of the individual to the bereaved.

~Mission Statement~

It is our mission to provide knowledgeable, sensitive and loving care to palliative patients and families using an interdisciplinary team within the hospital and community setting.

The patient and family are to be considered together as the unit of care, so that fears can be alleviated and fundamental needs met.

The palliative care interdisciplinary team will provide physical, spiritual and psychosocial support to the patient and family.

It is our mandate to provide bereavement follow-up with appropriate referrals as deemed necessary.

It is also our mandate to be amenable to growth and change as our experience broadens.

Palliative Care at the Arnprior Hospital



dying with dignity

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~a unique service~

Palliative Support is designed to enhance quality of life and to help people live until they die.

The hospital's Palliative Support Team provides comfort and compassionate care to patients and their families.

Palliative support is available at home or in the hospital.

Services include:

- pain and symptom control
- patient and family consultation, support and education
- bereavement follow-up

~a caring team~

Members of the Arnprior and District Palliative Support Team include:

- your doctor
- Palliative Support Services Coordinator
- Community Care Access Centre
- hospital nursing staff
- community nursing staff
- dietitian
- hospital pharmacy
- physical therapy department
- discharge planning coordinator
- social worker
- activities director
- hospital clergy / your clergy
- Palliative Support Services volunteers

~requesting services~

Any health care professional, the patient, a family member or a friend can request palliative care services. However, patient consent is necessary.

Palliative care is an involved process, so it is recommended that referrals be made early on.

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The palliative care room, located on the first floor near the nursing station, was made possible with donations.