

CHOOSING THE RIGHT HOSPICE



WHAT FEATURES MATTER MOST AND HOW TO FIND THEM

Many people are referred to hospice by their doctor, but patients and family members can also make referrals.

Consumer Reports and *The Kiplinger Letter* have identified several criteria to look for when selecting a hospice. Here is how Hospice of the Piedmont stacks up to this criteria:

- **Nonprofit status and long-term community experience**

Founded in 1980, Hospice of the Piedmont is the region's only hospice with more than 40 years of experience.

- **Hospice-certified nurses and doctors on staff and available 24 hours a day**

Hospice of the Piedmont has a robust medical staff, including several hospice-certified nurses and doctors. In addition, we have a dedicated night and weekend team that is always available to assist you, 24 hours a day.

- **An inpatient unit, where patients can go if symptoms can't be managed at home**

Hospice of the Piedmont has relationships with the hospitals in Charlottesville, Culpeper and Warrenton. In addition, our Hospice House in Charlottesville is one of only two licensed residential hospice facilities in the state, providing loving care in a home-like setting. We also operate a Center for Acute Hospice Care for patients who need a higher level of care in a more clinical setting. Patients rarely need this level of care, but it's good to know it's available if the need arises.

- **Ability to provide care in nursing homes and assisted living facilities**

Your dedicated Hospice of the Piedmont care team comes to you wherever you are, whether that's at a nursing home, assisted living facility, retirement community, hospital or your home.

- **Social workers and chaplains on staff**

Our Master's degree social workers and certified chaplains address the emotional and spiritual needs of our patients and their families at the end of life. And our Grief and Healing and our Kids' Grief and Healing programs employ the premier grief counseling staff in our region.

- **Medicare approval, which will cover certain services**

Hospice of the Piedmont is Medicare and Medicaid-certified, so patients with this benefit have all needs relative to their primary illness covered. Many private insurers also cover hospice care. Patients who do not have coverage may be eligible for hospice care at reduced or no charge. No one is ever turned away for inability to pay.

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