

## Information on North Shore Hospice

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The Hospice is now open. The Hospice beds that were part of 7W are now relocated to the Hospice building. There are currently a total of 10 beds expected to expand to 15.

There are a few important things to know:

- Doctors with LGH privileges will automatically have privileges in the hospice.
- Palliative care visits are billable **daily** for 6 months before death as 0127. These fees can be billed prior to death.
- Your patients in hospice will continue to appear on your hospital census.
- The hospital chart will stay with the patient on transfer, no new admission paperwork.
- Patients must be registered with the NSPC Program, submit new referrals to 7W.
- Admission to the hospice is on priority of need.
- Patients moving to the hospice must reach the attached criteria.
- Expected maximum life expectancy should not exceed 3 months the average stay in hospice is 1 month.
- There must be a **clear** understanding with the patients and their family that the goal of hospice care is comfort care for the diagnosably dying.
- There must be **clear** acceptance of DNR with no expectation of transfer except for extenuating circumstances (laceration, fracture for example).
- There is a cost of \$29.40 per day , if financial resources are limited a Financial Assessment can be completed to determine if your patient qualifies for a lower rate.
- **All** the rooms are private with en-suite washrooms.
- Family members are welcome to stay and each room has a double sleeper couch.
- Patients may want to stay at home as long as possible but be admitted to hospice for their last days and death. We will be able to admit patients directly from home to the hospice in these circumstances. The more advance notice the PC team has, the more likely we will be able to accommodate these requests.
- Coming soon: Hospice Day Program for patients and caregivers in the community.
- We really hope you will continue to provide care for your patients in this amazing new facility.
- The palliative care team remains committed and available to provide any assistance they can to help you care for your patients.
- The 7W nursing staff and Palliative care team will rotate between 7W and the hospice to provide the optimum continuity of care.
- Visiting is 24/7.

There are many amazing resources available in the hospice to support patients and their families in this stressful time. You are welcome to come and have a look at the facility and programs at any time.