



Congestive Heart Failure

with Front Range Hospice and Palliative Care

Reasons to choose Front Range Hospice and Palliative Care for Congestive Heart Failure Care

- **Ongoing Assessment** The Front Range Hospice and Palliative Care team continually monitors and assesses the patient's condition, quickly making the physician aware of changes that could signal a need for alterations in the plan of care. Kidney function and fluid levels are carefully assessed.
- **Certified Medical Professionals** Front Range Hospice and Palliative Care's Certified Director of Nurses, Nurse Practitioners and Nurse Case Managers are available for consultations and home visits.
- **In-home Caregiver Education** Knowledge and training about disease process and medication management equip caregivers to deal with end-of-life issues, increasing patient comfort and decreasing unnecessary office visits and hospitalizations.
- **Palliation of all symptoms associated with CHF** The Front Range Hospice and Palliative Care team has expertise in the palliation of all symptoms of CHF, including fluid overload, chest pain, breathing difficulty and anxiety.
- **Comfort Kits** Medications are immediately available to hospice patients suffering a crisis in an in-home comfort kit.
- **Scale** Front Range Hospice and Palliative Care provides a scale to all CHF patients to monitor weight fluctuations

Hospice Criteria for Heart Disease Patients

1 and 2 must be present; factors from 3 will add supporting documentation:

1. Optimally treated with diuretics and vasodilators
2. American Heart Association Class IV (unable to carry on any physical activity without discomfort- Ejection fraction of <20% (not required but helpful
3. Documentation of the following factors will support eligibility for hospice care:
 - Treatment-resistant symptomatic supraventricular or ventricular arrhythmias
 - History of cardiac arrest or resuscitation
 - History of unexplained syncope
 - Brain embolism of cardiac origin
 - Concomitant HIV disease

Front Range Hospice and Palliative Care makes patients as comfortable as possible at the end of life. Our highly skilled hospice team not only optimizes each patient's quality of life, they provide training and education to the in-home caregivers. To make a referral or for additional information on Front Range Hospice and Palliative Care's services please contact us.

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