



Alzheimer's and Dementia

with Front Range Hospice and Palliative Care

Reasons to choose Front Range Hospice and Palliative Care for Alzheimer's and Dementia Care

- **Ongoing Assessment** The Front Range Hospice and Palliative Care team continually monitors and assess the patient's condition, quickly making the physician aware of changes that could signal a need for alterations in the plan of care. Mental health nurses are available to visit or consult when necessary.
- **Leaders in Dementia Care** Front Range Hospice and Palliative Care is certified by the Alzheimer's association as a Leader in Dementia Care. Our team has expertise with patients suffering from advanced dementia, and can help provide relief from symptoms associated with end-stage disease, such as anxiety.
- **In-home Caregiver Education** One of the reasons this disease can be so difficult for the patient's loved ones can be lack of knowledge about how the dementia will progress at the end of life. Front Range Hospice and Palliative Care's skilled and compassionate nurses and medical social workers will counsel the caregivers and help them understand what is likely to happen and what can be done to keep the patient as comfortable as possible.

Hospice Criteria for Dementia Patients

Patients with Dementia must show all of the following characteristics:

- Unable to ambulate without assistance
 - Unable to bathe without assistance
 - Unable to dress without assistance
 - Urinary and fecal incontinence, intermittent or constant
- Patients must have had one of the following within the past 12 months:
- Aspiration pneumonia
 - Pyelonephritis or other upper urinary tract infection
 - Septicemia
 - Decubitus ulcers, multiple, stage 3-4
 - Fever, recurrent after antibiotics
 - Inability to maintain sufficient fluid and calorie intake with >10% weight loss during the previous six months or serum albumin <2.5 gm/dl

Hospice is often a forgotten option for patients with end-stage dementia. Front Range Hospice and Palliative Care's highly skilled team not only optimizes each patient's quality of life, they also 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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