



IN THE COURSE OF ILLNESS
THERE ARE "GOOD DAYS"
AND "BAD DAYS."

Days when you can almost forget that you're sick, and days when you fear you'll never feel well again. Palliative (pal-lee-uh-tiv) medicine specializes in giving you more good days. With a focus on caring for people of all ages who have chronic or serious illness, palliative care serves to:

- Relieve pain
- Manage distressing symptoms
- Improve overall quality of life for patients and their families.

THOSE WHO RECEIVE
PALLIATIVE CARE EARLY IN
THEIR ILLNESS BENEFIT MOST
FROM ITS POSITIVE EFFECTS



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MORE GOOD DAYS



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Unselfish love of one person
for another. Unconditional love.

LIVING BETTER

You can live comfortably and enjoy life in the midst of illness. The Agape Palliative team includes a physician and nurse practitioner expert at relieving pain and other symptoms (such as nausea, fatigue, anxiety, shortness of breath and insomnia). Our palliative social workers are highly skilled at providing practical and emotional support to patients and families.

The team works with a patient's existing physicians, including specialists, adding a layer of care. Studies have shown that those receiving early palliative care not only have improved quality of life, but less depression and in some cases, longer overall life expectancy.*

To access palliative care, call 720-482-1988 or talk to your physician.



COMMON QUESTIONS

May I continue curative treatments, such as chemotherapy, while receiving palliative care?

Yes. Palliative care can be used in conjunction with all other medical treatments.

When I hear the term “palliative care,” I think of hospice? Are they the same?

No, palliative care is a specialized discipline of medicine designed to support and enhance quality of life of people facing serious, potentially life-threatening, or chronic illness, addressing ALL symptoms and factors aggressively.

What illnesses can benefit from palliative care?

Palliative care benefits people living with cancer, heart disease, lung disease, kidney failure, AIDS and progressive neurologic disease. But remember: Palliative care can help anyone facing a new serious or chronic illness.

If I need palliative care, does that mean I'm dying?

Palliative care DOES NOT imply a terminal diagnosis. It is designed to help anywhere along the course of an illness. The best response to palliative care is early and ongoing relationships with your care team.

How does palliative care help?

Agape providers are highly qualified in management and titration of pain medication, as well as relieving other distressing symptoms. Social workers address emotional, social, spiritual or practical concerns of both patient and family. Working with your primary physician, our team creates a holistic plan to help you achieve (and maintain) the highest possible quality of life.

Who pays for palliative care?

Most private insurance covers all or part of palliative care just as they would other services. Medicare and Medicaid also typically cover palliative care. If you have concerns about paying for palliative care, please contact Agape at 720-482-1988 or toll-free at 877-771-1231.

How long should I wait to request palliative care?

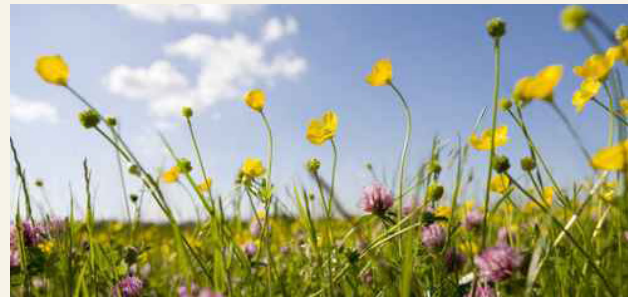
There is no reason to wait. Our philosophy is to provide early and ongoing support for serious health conditions. You do not have to be in pain or experiencing negative symptoms in order to benefit.

How do I start receiving palliative care?

You can call our referral team at 720-482-1988 or talk with your physician.

A DENVER COMPANY, HERE FOR OUR COMMUNITY.

Agape Healthcare is dedicated to providing the highest possible quality of care for our community. We care for people from all backgrounds and walks of life with equal respect and compassion.



* Temel, Jennifer S. "Early Palliative Care for Patients with Metastatic Non-Small-Cell Lung Cancer." N.p., 19 Aug. 2010. Web. 10 Sept. 2015.

Oncologists treat cancer, cardiologists the heart. But what happens to the rest of you? Palliative care can be the facilitator for all to work together for the common good of the whole person.

—Wife of Agape Palliative Patient

The first time I spoke to my social worker I had no clue what we were going to talk about. We talked for two hours about where I was with my disease and lack of control vs. where I was before: working, managing people, running my family.... It helps quite a lot.

—Agape Palliative Patient