Crossroads **CancerLink**



CancerLink is a disease management program offered by Crossroads Hospice to meet the unique needs of patients with cancer. The care is individualized and based on each patient's specific diagnosis. Crossroads has specialized staff trained to help these patients and their families deal with all aspects of end-of-life care, with an emphasis on managing the challenges of a cancer diagnosis, both physically and emotionally.

Facts

- A national study found the mean survival for hospice patients to be 29 days longer than non-hospice patients, and was significantly longer for patients with certain types of cancer.*
- 1.3 million cancer patients per year require hospitalization with an average length of stay of 6.3 days.** Hospice can reduce or eliminate that.
- In 2012, more than 575,000 Americans were expected to die of cancer; approximately 1,500 people a day.***

*NHPCO 2010, **CDC, 2009, *** American Cancer Society

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Goals:

- Excellent management of symptoms at home
- Increased patient and family understanding of the diagnosis, treatment and prognosis
- Improved quality of life in the setting of the patient's choice
- Active collaboration with patient's physicians, including the oncologist

Services:

- Aggressive symptom management for the wide range of cancer-related issues
- Physician and nurse practitioner staff available
- Continuous care for crisis management, as needed
- Trained staff specializing in the care of patients with cancer
- 3 shifts of full-time Crossroads staff to meet patient and family needs up to, and including, the time of death
- Interdisciplinary team support treating physical, emotional and spiritual needs
- Collaboration between Crossroads and the patient's primary physician; collaboration with oncologist if needed
- Bereavement support offered by specialists trained in grief recovery



Expect more from us. We do.