

Inpatient Hospice Unit

Knox Building, 3rd Floor
Skokie Hospital (formerly Rush North Shore Medical Center)
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When might a patient and family need hospice inpatient care?

- Immediately following discharge from the hospital when the patient has complex discharge needs that include:
 - Adjustments in symptom management procedures, and
 - Active interdisciplinary work of the hospice team in order to make the transition safe and effective.
- For the assessment and treatment of acute and chronic symptoms (physical, psychological and/or spiritual) that cannot be managed easily in another setting.
- For addressing acute issues when care in the former setting is no longer possible.
- For a patient whose family cannot provide or will not allow needed care in the home or nursing home setting, such as when death is imminent.

What kind of care is provided at the Inpatient Hospice Unit?

- Every patient and family is offered a full range of services to meet the physical, psychosocial, emotional and spiritual needs that arise during a terminal illness.
- The focus of care is pain control, symptom management and emotional support.
- The unit is staffed by hospice physicians, nurses, certified nurse's aides, social workers, chaplains, volunteers and bereavement counselors.
- As a key member of the care team, the patient's personal physician can continue to visit the patient.

What is the Inpatient Hospice Unit like?

- The unit has 16 private rooms.
- Décor and furnishings create a calm, homelike atmosphere.
- The kitchen, lounge, library and chapel provide quiet comfortable spaces to relax outside the patient's room. Visitors can gather with other family members and friends, meet with the clinical team, and receive support from other families and staff.
- Visiting hours are unrestricted and can include overnight visits, as the rooms include cozy daybeds.
- There is no age restriction on visitors. Family pets also are welcome; we just ask that the visitor get approval from unit staff ahead of time.

What are the financial considerations?

- The Medicare Hospice Benefit covers the cost of inpatient hospice care when the patient/family situation creates a need for it. (Same coverage applies to Medicaid.)
- Many private insurance companies have coverage for inpatient hospice care.
- CareCenter staff will work with a patient's insurance provider to determine benefits.
- Financial assistance and charity care are available for patients who qualify.

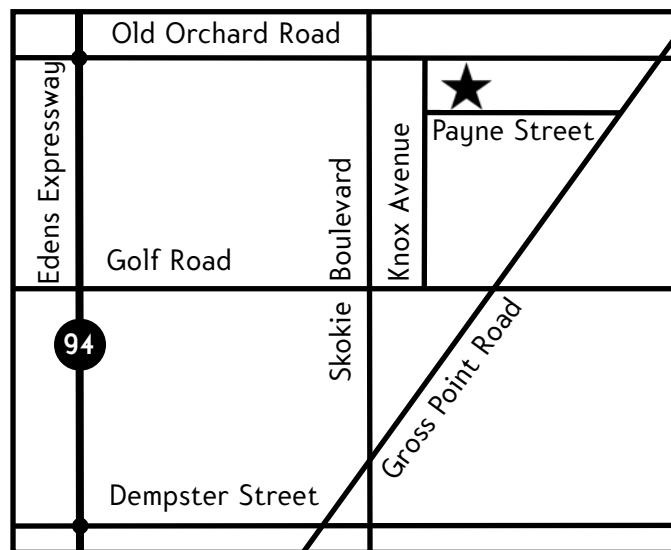
The Inpatient Hospice Unit is part of the safety net of palliative care services offered by Midwest Palliative & Hospice CareCenter. CareCenter serves 1,500 patients and their family members a day in north/northwest Chicago, the northern suburbs as well as Lake County. Services include: hospice, grief support, consultations in palliative care and special services for children. A nonprofit, community-based healthcare organization, CareCenter services are approved for Medicare/Medicaid payment. (*Accredited by The Joint Commission.)*

Directions to the Inpatient Hospice Unit

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From the (I-94) Edens Expressway

Exit at Old Orchard Road and head east to Skokie Boulevard.
 Turn right (south) on Skokie Boulevard to Golf Road.
 Turn left (east) on Golf Road to Knox Avenue.
 Turn left (north) on Knox Avenue.

From the I-294 Tollway

Exit I-294 at Dempster Street.
 Head east on Dempster Street to Gross Point Road (about 6 miles).
 Turn left (north) to Skokie Boulevard.
 Turn right (east) on Golf Road to Knox Avenue.
 Turn left (north) on Knox Avenue.