We help patients and their families embrace every moment

At BJC Hospice, through compassionate care, we provide a circle of support that is centered on comfort, quality of life and the individual needs of each patient and family we serve.

BJC HOSPICE
Compassionate end-of-life care

BJC HOSPICE SERVES MORE THAN 25 COUNTIES IN MISSOURI AND ILLINOIS WITH LOCATIONS IN:
St. Louis 314.872.5050
Farmington 573.760.8550
Sullivan 573.468.3630
Illinois 618.463.7100

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**Why use BJC Hospice?**

**LIVING AMONG THOSE WHO LOVE YOU**

Hospice care is provided to patients where they live, including their own home, senior living residence, hospital or Evelyn’s House, BJC’s dedicated Hospice house.

**CARE FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN**

BJC Hospice provides compassionate and clinical care for patients of all ages. Our focus is on maximizing love, comfort and quality of life while minimizing pain, fear and uncertainty for adult and pediatric patients.

**BJC HOSPICE TREATS THE PERSON, NOT THE DISEASE**

Our compassionate team focuses on how to help our patients and their families to prepare for this transition, spend quality time together and to make the most of every moment.

An entire team of specially trained individuals is there for both the patient and family, while providing the best medical, emotional and spiritual support available.

**EVELYN’S HOUSE IS AN OPTION**

Evelyn’s House is a home-like inpatient unit that provides compassionate, respectful care honoring the dignity of our guests and is available for short-term symptom management and respite for caregiver relief.

**WE’RE ALWAYS HERE FOR YOU**

Our hospice team provides support 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

**GRIEF PROGRAMS AVAILABLE FOR CHILDREN, TEENS AND ADULTS**

Our bereavement program assists families for 13 months after the loss of a loved one.

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**Considering BJC Hospice for a loved one**

**WHEN SHOULD YOU THINK ABOUT STARTING HOSPICE CARE?**

Caring conversations with loved ones help everyone to identify what is important. These conversations will help patients and families to make the best choice. Talking with your physician may help you review your options.

**WHAT HAPPENS WHEN BJC HOSPICE STARTS?**

A hospice team member will visit the patient after a referral is received by their physician. We will discuss our hospice program with the patient and their loved ones focusing on their needs and goals of care. Then they will review financial and insurance information. A complete physical assessment is performed by the hospice nurse who collaborates with the patient’s physician and the patient develops the plan of care.

**WHEN OFTEN WILL A NURSE VISIT?**

The number of visits are based upon the medical needs of the patients and housekeeping. BJC Hospice has specially trained individuals to support patients and families.

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**WHAT KINDS OF THINGS WOULD A VOLUNTEER HELP WITH?**

Volunteers assist our patients and families in many ways such as caregiver relief, running errands, reading, making scrapbooks, cooking and housekeeping. BJC Hospice has both adult and teen volunteers to support patients and families.

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**WHEN IS IT APPROPRIATE for BJC Hospice care?**

- When life expectancy is measured in months rather than years
- When cure of the disease is no longer possible
- When comfort and symptom management are the goal of treatment

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**IS HOSPICE CARE PROVIDED IN A SENIOR LIVING HOME?**

BJC Hospice offers all of the benefits of hospice care to residents living in a residential care facility, assisted living, intermediate care or skilled nursing facility. Hospice staff members provide education and support to the resident, his or her family, and the facility staff to ensure the resident’s comfort.

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**WHAT IF THE PATIENT NEEDS TO GO BACK TO THE HOSPITAL?**

By calling BJC Hospice first, we may be able to keep the patient from being admitted to the hospital. If we are unable to control the patient’s symptoms at home, we will arrange and assist with having the patient admitted to a BJC hospital or Evelyn’s House, bypassing long stays in the emergency room.

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**WHAT IS BJC Hospice?**

- Compassionate and excellent care for patients and families facing end of life
- Collaborative team of specialty trained individuals
- Specially trained volunteers
- Control of pain and symptoms where and when you need them
- Extensive grief support: camps, retreats, support groups, visits, and mailings
- Creative and beneficial therapies: music, expressive, art and pet therapy
- Attentive final hours companionship and joyful celebration of life
- Discreet and accepting spiritual care and bereavement support

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**Our Team**

- Medical director
- Registered nurses
- Medical social workers
- Certified nurse aides
- Counselors
- Chaplain
- Trained volunteers
- Music and expressive therapists
- Bereavement specialists