WESTCHESTER COUNTY PALLIATIVE CARE SERVICES

Westchester Hospitals with Palliative Care Programs

Lower Westchester Hospitals

Lawrence Hospital Center, Bronxville
Maura Del Bene NP, Clinical Director, (914) 787-4190, mdelbene@lawrencehealth.org
Kerrianne Page, MD, Medical Director (914) 787-4100
This program is a complement to Jansen Hospice and Palliative Care and to Lawrence Homecare, allowing for continuity of care throughout illness. Dr. Page is Medical Director for all three services. The Lawrence Hospital program’s clinical director is Maura Del Bene and includes a second Nurse Practitioner, Susan McHugh-Salera. Social service assistance is provided by the hospital social worker and hospice social worker.

Sound Shore Medical Center, New Rochelle
Rose Anne Indelicato, Nurse Practitioner for Palliative Care, (914) 365-4848; rindelicato@sshsw.org
Daniel Pomerantz MD MPH FACP, Director of Palliative Care
The Palliative Care Program is available to patients of Sound Shore Medical Center and Schaffer Extended Care Center. The team includes a full time palliative medicine nurse practitioner, part time services of a palliative medicine physician, a Masters prepared nurse and a trained chaplain. The program serves adults only. The service also provides follow up palliative care through its outpatient clinic. Hospice inpatient care is provided in conjunction with Hospice Care in Westchester and Putnam, however, there is not a dedicated inpatient hospice unit.

St. John’s Riverside Hospital, Yonkers
Betty Ikwild Cherico RN, MSN CHPN, Palliative Care Services (914) 964-4588, bcherico@riversidehealth.org
Thomas Fiorentino, MD, (914) 969-0770
Anyone in the hospital can refer a patient onto the nursing “palliative pathway”, and then are reviewed to make sure they are appropriate. Consult by psychiatrist or physician requires a formal consultation request. Patients are reviewed in interdisciplinary during weekly rounds which include a physician, a certified hospice and palliative nurse, the hospital’s social worker, a case manager, the pharmacist, a holistic nurse, chaplain, psychiatry, nutritionist, respiratory therapist, a hospice social worker, and faculty from an affiliated nursing school.

Mid Westchester Hospitals

White Plains Hospital Center, White Plains
Rajasekhar Buddhavarapu, MD, (914) 681-1072
The hospital has a program in development under the guidance of Dr. Rajasekhar Buddhavarapu (aka Dr. Buddha), who is board certified in Gerontology as well as Hospice and Palliative Medicine. The program will be closely affiliated with the Hospital’s Geriatric Services program.

Westchester Medical Center, Valhalla
Etta Eskridge, MD, PhD, (914) 493-8370
Maureen Cooney, DNP Pain Management, (914) 493-8896
Gary Tatz, MD (914) 493-8462 (pediatrics, Maria Fareri Children’s Hospital)
A formal program was launched July, 2011, under the direction of Dr. Etta Eskridge, who is board certified in both Internal Medicine as well as Hospice and Palliative Medicine. Pediatrician Gary Tatz at Maria Fareri Children’s Hospital overseeing the pediatric palliative care program.

Blythedale Hospital, Valhalla
Joelle Mast PhD, MD, Chief Medical Officer, Chief of Pediatrics, (914) 592-7555
Palliative care is embedded throughout the care at this facility.
Northern Westchester Hospitals

Northern Westchester Hospital, Mt. Kisco
Marilyn Leroy-Sterling, NP-C, Care Coordinator Health and Wellness Program, Cancer Treatment and Wellness Center (914) 242-8146, mleroysterling@nwhc.net
The Hospital has all the components of a multi-disciplinary palliative care team headed by Dr. Harold Federman, although there is not a formal consultation service. Hospice Care in Westchester and Putnam Counties has a social worker in the Hospital’s Cancer Center and Medical Oncology unit. There are 4 inpatient rooms that convert into 2 hospice suites so families can stay with their loved ones. The hospital also offers support to family members of inpatients at the Ken Hamilton Caregivers Center.

Veterans Administration Hudson Valley Health Care System, Montrose
Joby David, NP, Palliative Care Program Coordinator
Mary Mantilla, Mary.Mantilla@va.gov, Palliative Care Consult Team Social Worker (914) 737-4400 x2833
Veterans and their spouses may qualify a variety of palliative and end of life care assistance through the VA, including home based medical care, accessing benefits to finance in home assistance, inpatient palliative as well as end of life care, and outpatient case management services. The VA will also financially support hospice care in the home or provide end of life care in one of their facilities. Regardless of where a patient is receiving care in Westchester, it is wise to contact the VA to maximize benefits and services.

Westchester Hospices

Calvary Hospital Hospice, 1740 Eastchester Road, Bronx, NY 10461, (718) 518-2465

Hospice & Palliative Care of Westchester, 95 South Broadway, White Plains, NY 10601, (914) 682-1484

Hospice Care in Westchester & Putnam County, 540 White Plains Road, Suite 300, Tarrytown, NY 10591, (914) 666-4228

Jansen Hospice & Palliative Care, 69 Main Street, Tuckahoe, NY 10707, (914) 961-2818

Phelps Hospice, Phelps Memorial Hospital Center, 701 N. Broadway, Sleepy Hollow, NY 10591, (914) 366-3325

Case Management and Supportive Services

Provides individual and family counseling, homecare assistance and supportive connections in Westchester when people and their loved ones face a life limiting illness. Connects families to professionals who can give advice about critical decisions in a variety of areas related to personal, legal, health, insurance and entitlement issues.

Cancer Support Team, 875 Mamaroneck Avenue, Mamaroneck, NY 10543, (914) 777-2777, www.cancersupportteam.com
Cancer Support Team (CST) is a unique, non-profit home care organization that provides professional nursing, social work, and other supportive services, free of charge, to cancer patients and their families living in lower Westchester County, New York. Their nursing services include assistance with pain and symptom management as well as case management.

Visit www.westchesterrendoflife.org or contact Julie Buyon, jbuyon@gmail.com for additional information about palliative care services in Westchester.