



# Why Hospice?

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DELAWARE<sup>™</sup>  
HOSPICE  

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*Since 1982*

# About Me



RN since January 2018



Exclusively Hospice since 2019

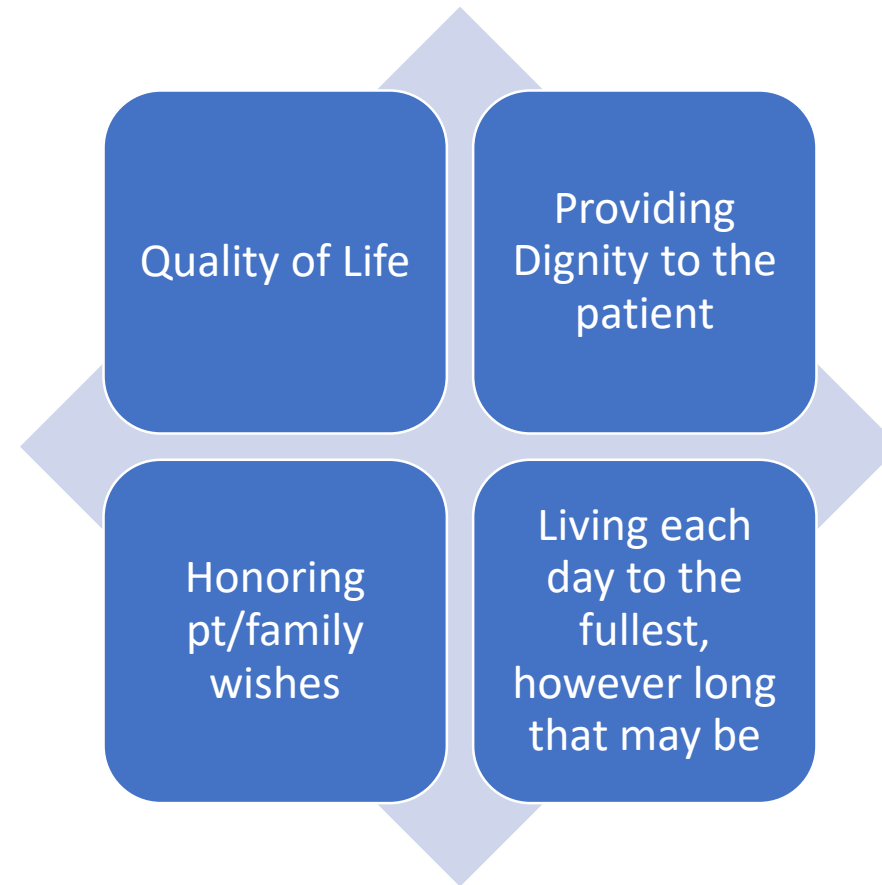


Hospice certified since September 2023



Certified Dementia Practitioner since August 2023

# Why Hospice



# Delaware Hospice

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- Hospice, Palliative, Transitions
- Katybug
- New Hope
- Bereavement
- Joint Commission Accredited
- We Honor Veterans level 4
- Delaware Quality-of-Life-Coalition
- Quality Connections
- 2 Inpatient Centers

# Palliative vs Hospice



**Goal is comfort**



**Hospice**

Stopping aggressive treatment

Managing symptoms

Comfort vs Curative



**Palliative**

Wishing to continue aggressive treatment

Managing an uncontrolled symptom

Still seeking a cure for a diagnosis

# Hospice

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- Referral
- Admission
- Building a relationship
- Support at EOL
- Bereavement

# Palliative

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- Referral
- Admission on to PC
- Managing an manage symptom
- Possibly transitioning on to Hospice

# DHC & DH@SF

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- Two Delaware Hospice Centers
  - Milford
  - Wilmington
- Uncontrolled Symptoms
- Respite
- Only for patients on Hospice



# Caring for Someone on Hospice/Palliative



Identify primary diagnosis



What is the goal of the pt/family?



What matters to them?



Is there a symptom that needs to be managed?



Are there medications that need to be discontinued or adjusted?



Comfort medications



Is Inpatient level of care need?

