

Inpatient Unit Guidelines:

- Pikes Peak Hospice & Palliative Care has a unique, specialized inpatient hospice care unit designed for short-term symptom management
- Inpatient hospice care is appropriate when a patient’s symptoms require more aggressive treatment interventions than can be provided in an outpatient setting
- The Pikes Peak Hospice Inpatient Unit is not a residence
- Most patients are cared for *in this inpatient setting for less than a week*
- General Inpatient Guidelines are defined by Medicare, regardless of insurance coverage
- Appropriateness for inpatient care will be evaluated daily and assistance with transfer planning initiated within the *first 3 days of admission*, if indicated

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General Inpatient Care is indicated when:

- Intensive medical and/or nursing interventions are required to provide comfort
- Daily or more frequent medication adjustments are needed to manage symptoms
- Symptoms require complicated medical and/or nursing care that would be difficult to manage in a home or residential facility setting
- Death appears imminent and rapid changes in condition require nursing assessment and support

What you can expect from us:

- Daily nursing assessments
- Around the clock care from our team of hospice nurses, CNAs, chaplains, counselors, and volunteers
- Individualized management of pain and other symptoms
- Evaluations by our specialized Palliative Nurse Practitioners or Physicians while symptoms are being managed

Transition Planning Assistance:

- Once a symptom and care management plan is established the Pikes Peak Hospice team will continue supportive care in either the home or a residential facility setting
- Inpatient Team members will provide assistance regarding appropriate placement options if indicated
 - Training for care of the patient at home with hospice support
 - Counselor/Transition Navigator guidance on applying for Medicaid or other support services as needed
 - Assistance with long-term placement with Pikes Peak Hospice support

Admission to Inpatient Unit – Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) Status In Place:

- When a patient is considered for admission or transfer into the Pikes Peak Hospice Inpatient Unit a DNR order must be in place. This status ensures a setting conducive to a peaceful, noninvasive death.

The above information was explained to me and I understand these guidelines.

Patient or Patient Representative/Designation

Date

PPHPC Representative Signature

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| RECORD # _____ |