

HANDOUT A

Hospice

- **Outlines a specific program of care;**
- **Provides support and care for persons in the last phases of incurable disease so that they may live as fully and as comfortably as possible;**
- **Recognizes dying as part of the normal process of living;**
- **Focuses on maintaining the quality of the person's remaining life;**
- **Supports person through dying process and family through dying and bereavement**
- **Includes provision of both medical and supportive services**

HANDOUT B

Palliative Care

- **Stems from the word “pall” meaning mantle or shield meaning to protect the patient from the onslaught of raging disease (John Finn, 2001).**
- **Palliative care begins during the curative phase and extends through bereavement.**
- **Palliative care in the broad sense is not restricted to those who are dying or those enrolled in a hospice program. All treatment options, including curative and resuscitation, are available to the patient receiving palliative care.**

HANDOUT C

Levels of Hospice Care

- Routine: Most common level of hospice care. Can be provided in home, nursing home or residential setting. Includes care from team members on regularly scheduled visits
- Continuous: Expanded level of skilled care in patient's home. Nursing care must equal more than 50% of total hours necessary to prevent hospitalization.
- Inpatient: Provided in facility (hospital) for purpose of symptom management.
- Respite: Short-termed inpatient care designed to give caregivers a rest from handling the care of the patient.

HANDOUT D

Hospice Services

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Assistance by trained volunteers• Culturally sensitive care for various groups• Dietary and other counseling• Durable medical equipment• Grief Support Services• Home health aide• Hospice Homes• Laboratory service• Medical Care | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Medical supplies• Nursing care• Outpatient drugs• Pediatric services• Physical, occupational, and other therapies• Short-term inpatient care• Social work care• Spiritual counseling• Transportation |
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