

**Specialized care includes:**

- Respect for each patient's values and personal choices
- Assistance and support in making difficult medical decisions
- Coordination of care and treatment among doctors at all stages of illness



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**The relief patients and families need when experiencing the symptoms of a serious illness**

Palliative care focuses on the whole person, meeting the needs of patients with serious illnesses requiring management of their pain and symptoms such as nausea, breathlessness, and anxiety.

You, your family members or any of your health care professionals may ask your physician to consult the Palliative Medicine team. The specially trained team includes a physician, nurse, pharmacist, chaplain, and social worker.

Palliative care may be an option if you are experiencing discomfort, serious illness, or facing complex medical decisions. Palliative care may be especially helpful if you or your loved one:

- Has cancer, heart failure, AIDS, liver, lung, kidney problems, and/or dementia
- Has pain, trouble breathing, or other distressing symptoms
- Is seriously ill and facing questions about the future
- Has difficult medical decisions to make and wants help thinking them through
- Desires additional care alongside treatments that are meant to cure.

Palliative care can be given at any stage of the illness process. Our program services both adult and children.

If you have questions regarding Palliative care, ask your nurse or physician.

**Sunrise Hospital & Medical Center, Sunrise Children's Hospital is registered on the Center to Advance Palliative Care (CAPC) website.**

Visit [www.capc.org](http://www.capc.org) for more information