

# Hospice Care

Dignity and individuality in a peaceful and supportive environment

Hospice care is a specialized healthcare setting that provides 24 hour palliative care to individuals nearing the end-of-life. When remaining at home is no longer possible, hospice care promotes dignity and individuality through holistic comfort care in a peaceful environment.

## Who is this service for?

Hospices are available to those who are in their last days to short months of life and whose care needs can no longer be met at home.

## How do I access this service?

Referrals to hospice can only be made by a palliative home care case manager or a palliative care consultant. If you think hospice may be right for you or your loved one, talk to your physician or home care case manager.

Once the decision has been made that a hospice would best meet you or your loved one's needs, you will be asked to identify three or more hospices from the list provided.

Your clinical needs may mean that specific hospices are better choices to meet your care needs.

Your palliative care provider will assist you in the hospice placement process.

When a bed becomes available you will be notified and arrangements will be made for transfer as soon as possible.

**NOTE:** Once you are on the hospice wait list, transfer may occur very quickly.

# Calgary Area Hospices



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## Agape Hospice

(Salvation Army)  
1302 – 8th Avenue NW  
403-282-6588  
[agapehospice.ca](http://agapehospice.ca)

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## Southwood Hospice

(Intercare)  
211 Heritage Drive SE  
403-252-0620  
[intercarealberta.com](http://intercarealberta.com)

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## Rosedale Hospice

(Hospice Calgary)  
920 – 7A Street NW  
403-284-5195  
[hospicecalgary.com](http://hospicecalgary.com)

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## Dulcina Hospice

(Covenant Care at St. Marguerite Manor)  
110 Evanspark Manor NW  
587-230-5500  
[covenantcare.ca](http://covenantcare.ca)

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## SkyPointe Hospice

(AgeCare)  
179 Skyview Circle NE  
587-619-1900  
[hospice.agecare.ca](http://hospice.agecare.ca)

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## Foothills Country Hospice

(Foothills Country Hospice Society)  
322001 – 32nd Street E  
Municipal District of Foothills  
No. 31, Alberta  
403-995-4673  
[countryhospice.org](http://countryhospice.org)

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## Chinook Hospice

(Intercare)  
1261 Glenmore Trail SW  
403-258-0040  
[intercarealberta.com](http://intercarealberta.com)

Near Okotoks, approximately  
25 km south of Calgary  
See website for directions

For more information:

[ahs.ca](http://ahs.ca) and search Calgary Zone hospice

To learn more about palliative care:

[myhealth.alberta.ca/palliative-care](http://myhealth.alberta.ca/palliative-care)

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## Frequently Asked Questions

### What are the costs associated with hospice care?

- There is no daily accommodation fee charged to the individual or family for hospice care.
- While in hospice you will be responsible for the cost of oxygen and oxygen equipment that is supplied by home oxygen companies. [Alberta Aids to Daily Living \(AADL\)](#) can be accessed to help with these costs.
- While in hospice, you will be responsible for the cost of medications. Ask your healthcare team to explain the [Palliative Coverage Program](#) that provides some financial assistance. Your medication costs will be similar to the cost of medications at home.

### Do hospices provide in-house rehabilitation and complementary therapies?

- Check with your hospice team to discuss the use of private rehabilitation or complementary therapies.

### Is the cost of ambulance transfer to the hospice covered?

- In some cases this cost may be the responsibility of the individual. Check with your healthcare team.

### Is smoking allowed at hospice?

- Access to designated smoking areas varies by site. Some hospices do not allow smoking anywhere on the premises. Volunteers and staff cannot accompany individuals to smoking areas.

### If my care needs change and hospice care is no longer my most appropriate care setting, can I be transferred?

- Yes, in such situations, you will be reassessed for transfer to a more suitable care location or program. Receiving the right care at the right time is important. These transfers are usually to home or a continuing care facility such as long-term care or supportive living.