

HOSPICE HOUSE FOR NORTH HASTINGS ADMISSION CRITERIA

- ✓ Must have a valid Ontario health number issued in his/her name.
- ✓ Must be on the roster of the Access Centre for North Hastings so that we can access the professional services such as the visiting nurses that they provide.
- ✓ Must have a local doctor to follow care at Hospice North Hastings.
- ✓ Must be in the final stages of a terminal illness. We are looking at admission during the final 1-3 weeks of life or at 30% on the Palliative Performance Scale
- ✓ Admission to the Hospice House will be based on greatest need
- ✓ Funeral arrangements or at least the name of the funeral home that will be called must be determined prior to admission. This information is needed prior to Admission.
- ✓ Palliative patients in the hospital will be given the option of admission to the Hospice House if no one in the community is at the stage for admission.
- ✓ A “do not resuscitate” form will be signed as no heroic measures will be taken at end of life.
- ✓ Every attempt will be made for a representative of Hospice North Hastings to meet with and interview clients/family prior to admission, as to the expectations and services that Hospice provides.
- ✓ Anyone can make a referral - the patient, the family, health care professionals, clergy or friends.
- ✓ There is a weight restriction on patients being admitted to the Hospice House of 250lbs.
- ✓ If Admission is coming through from out of area and our staff are not able to meet with the client/family some additional forms are required (Rye Report, Admission Orders, Aggressive Behavior Report) prior to Admission.
- ✓ Admission orders must reflect care provided at Hospice...no q1hr meds as families cannot manage this (Cadd pumps work well with our staffing model)

PRACTICAL POINTS for the End of Life Care Program at the Hospice House for North Hastings

- ✓ Families and caregivers will be encouraged and welcome to participate in the life and care of the patients at the Hospice, when they can.
- ✓ Professional and/or non professional care provided by either a volunteer/nurse/personal support worker will be available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- ✓ Professional nursing care and personal care by the PSW's and Palliative Trained Volunteers
- ✓ Patients are to bring in all medications and medical supplies from home.

- ✓ Patients and caregivers will decide who may visit at any time. Other visitors are welcome at the Hospice.
- ✓ Cordless telephones are available in patient's rooms.
- ✓ Smoking is forbidden in the Hospice House. Smoking is only allowed on the back outdoor patio.
- ✓ At the patient's request and discretion of the Hospice staff, pets may be brought in for short accompanied visits.
- ✓ Hospice North Hastings reserves the right to refuse entrance to the Hospice House to any person.
- ✓ Families are invited to use the cooking and laundry facilities in the Hospice House.
- ✓ Alcohol in moderation is allowed at the Hospice House.
- ✓ There is no charge to patients and families for Hospice Programs but the expectation is that Hospice North Hastings will be named as the charity of choice for the Memorial Donations made at the funeral homes. These donations will enable us to continue our programs and therefore be there for the next family that needs our services.