Palliative Care Eligibility

The following questions can help you determine whether your patient meets Family LifeCare’s criteria for palliative care.

Does your patient have a need for symptom management?

Palliative services may be needed due to one or more of the following:

♦ Patient has been recently informed of a serious, life-limiting illness:  
  Cancer  
  COPD/Respiratory Disorders  
  Lupus  
  Renal Disease  
  Heart Disease/Failure  
  Progressive neurological disorders

♦ Need for symptom management, such as:  
  Pain  
  Nausea/vomiting  
  Constipation  
  Diarrhea  
  Shortness of breath  
  Anxiety  
  Insomnia

IF YES, call Family LifeCare 1-800-355-2817 or Fax Palliative Care Referral

Does your patient require assistance with difficult conversations?

♦ Goals of care need to be explored  
♦ Facilitate difficult treatment discussions  
♦ Establish Advance Directives

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