



**Hospice**  
**of Southwest Ohio**  
A Servant Leadership Organization



## Cardiac Diseases

### What are they?

Cardiac diseases, also known as heart diseases or cardiovascular diseases, include coronary artery disease, congestive heart failure and congenital heart disease, among other types. They are heart conditions that include diseased vessels, structural problems and blood clots.

### How can palliative care help?

A person receiving palliative care can continue receiving treatment for a cardiac disease.

Palliative care can help patients:

- Prepare for physical changes that may occur
- Cope with mental and emotional issues that may arise
- **Transition from treatment of the disease (palliative care) to control of the disease (hospice care)**

### How can hospice care help?

A patient with heart disease may be able to receive hospice care if:

- They are generally confined to a bed or chair
- Physical activity brings chest pain or discomfort
- Minimal physical exertion results in shortness of breath
- The heart's ability to pump is poor
- Common heart medications do not relieve symptoms
- They experience unexpected fainting
- They experience cardiac arrest and resuscitation
- They have an irregular heartbeat that doesn't respond to treatment



Hospice Southwest of Ohio is

*here for you*

Hospice of Southwest Ohio is made up of a multidisciplinary team of healthcare professionals and volunteers who work together to focus on pain relief and psychosocial support that increases one's quality of life during their last months.

Hospice care is available wherever a patient is, whether that's at home, in a healthcare center or at our Care Center in Madeira, Ohio. Our services are available in Clermont, Butler, Warren and Hamilton counties in Cincinnati. **Call us 24 hours a day, seven days a week with any questions or concerns at 513.770.0820.**