



Hospice
of Southwest Ohio
A Servant Leadership Organization

Dementia



What is it?

Alzheimer's disease is one form of dementia, and only a medical professional can make a diagnosis. While there are differences between Alzheimer's disease and other dementia-related conditions, the emotional impact on families remains the same.

How can palliative care help?

A person receiving palliative care can continue receiving treatment for dementia.

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 dementia may be able to receive hospice care if:

- Their condition is worsened by another serious illness
- Pneumonia is frequent
- Urinary tract infections are common
- Sepsis is present (bacteria has infected the bloodstream)
- Bedsores are present
- There is unintentional weight loss
- They need help with daily living activities such as walking
- Communication is severely limited
- A fever does not respond to treatment
- They are incontinent
- They are socially withdrawn



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.**