



Hospice
of Southwest Ohio
A Servant Leadership Organization

Liver Disease



What is it?

Liver disease encompasses any condition that damages the liver and prevents it from functioning well. Some of the most common types include Hepatitis A, B and C as well as alcoholic hepatitis and nonalcoholic fatty liver disease.

How can palliative care help?

A person receiving palliative care can continue receiving treatment for liver 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 liver disease may be able to receive hospice care if the patient:

- Is not a candidate for a liver transplant
- Has abnormal blood clots
- Has worsening muscle strength or a malnutrition diagnosis
- Is an alcoholic

At least one of the following must also apply:

- Fluid retention in the abdomen despite common drugs/therapy
- Inexplicable infections in the abdomen
- Decreased alertness, depression, emotional instability or slurred speech
- Bleeding in the esophagus despite 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.**