



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

Pulmonary Disease



Palliative care for pulmonary disease can be provided at any point, from diagnosis to the end of life.

Palliative care provides:

- Relief from common physical symptoms of pulmonary disease such as pain, fatigue and infections
- Emotional and spiritual support for patients and families coping with a pulmonary disease diagnosis and treatment
- Resources for caregivers who may be overwhelmed by the extra responsibilities placed upon them

Eligibility for hospice care

Because prognosis is difficult, clinical judgment is needed. A patient diagnosed with pulmonary disease may be eligible for hospice care if:

- Shortness of breath is significant, even when resting
- Response to treatment intended to relax airways is minimal
- Symptoms worsen during coughing, or when fatigued
- Visits to the ER and hospitalizations increase due to pulmonary infections and/or respiratory failure
- Right ventricle of the heart is enlarged
- Below normal level of oxygen saturation
- Unintentional weight loss of more than 10% in the last six months
- Higher than normal heart rate
- Confined to bed or chair at all times



CareBridge Primary and Palliative Care & Hospice of Southwest Ohio

Hospice of Southwest Ohio partners with CareBridge Primary and Palliative Care of Cincinnati to provide palliative and hospice care support from a multidisciplinary team of healthcare professionals. Both CareBridge and HSWO work in conjunction with primary care physicians and referring specialists to help relieve the pain and suffering associated with a pulmonary disease diagnosis.

Our services are available in Clermont, Butler, Warren and Hamilton counties in Cincinnati, Ohio. You can make a palliative care referral 24 hours a day, seven days a week by faxing 513.528.8151 or a hospice care referral 24/7 by calling 513.770.0820.