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A Source of Comfort and Care

Caring for a family member with a life-limiting illness is stressful. You don't need to face it alone. **Skirball Hospice** – a program of Los Angeles Jewish Health – provides comfort, companionship, and palliative care to adults in Greater Los Angeles at the most challenging times of life. Whether they are in their own home or in a care facility, we support and assist patients (as well as their families and caregivers) with compassion, warmth, and dedicated expertise. Hospice care is also available in residence at Los Angeles Jewish Health.

By Your Side

Hospice care includes visits from an interdisciplinary team, as well as medications, supplies, durable medical equipment, instruction, and critical emotional and spiritual support, as set forth in the hospice plan of care. Hospice services are often offered at no cost through Medicare, Medi-Cal, and most private health plans. Our integrated team of doctors, nurses, spiritual counselors, medical social workers, certified home health aides, and registered dietitians provide comprehensive, individualized care through services such as:

- Physician visits upon hospice admission
- Pain control and symptom management
- Emotional and spiritual support
- On-call availability nights and weekends
- Bereavement services for 13 months following hospice care

When It's Time

Hospice care is not curative in its goals and treatments. Referrals are typically made when a serious condition is believed to be advancing, when medical intervention has reached its maximum benefit, or when the individual or family representative decides to refocus on maintaining comfort and symptom management at home rather than in the hospital.

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At **Skirball Hospice**, we don't seek to prolong life beyond its natural course, nor does our involvement hasten death in any way. Prognosis is reviewed frequently, and hospice discontinues if the condition has stabilized, or if a decision is made to pursue curative treatment.

Hospice diagnoses may include (but are not limited to):

- Alzheimer's disease or other dementias
- Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS)
- Cancer
- Cardiac disease
- HIV/AIDS
- Liver, pulmonary, or renal disease
- Stroke

Support Is Just a Call Away

As a nonprofit agency, **Skirball Hospice** provides exemplary care, supporting quality of life for our patients and their families. Please discuss your needs with your doctor, and when appropriate, request a referral to us.

Our team is available 24 hours per day.

Phone: 818.774.3040

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What Physicians Should Know

Admission to **Skirball Hospice** is voluntary and begins with an order sent via fax to our office. You may continue as the patient's primary care physician unless you or the patient indicate otherwise. Consultations are available with our medical director. Please consider referring when your patient has had a decline in condition, and hospitalization interventions are no longer beneficial.

Skirball Hospice is Medicare/Medi-Cal certified and is accredited by the Community Health Accreditation Program. We proudly serve clients of all religions and ethnicities.



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