

Palliative & Hospice Care

for Breast Cancer Patients

Throughout an individual's breast cancer journey, palliative and hospice care from WesleyLife at Home can provide vital support that enhances quality of life, controls symptoms, and bolsters emotional well-being for patients and their families.

Palliative Care: Enhancing Quality of Life at Any Stage

Medical Indicators for Palliative Care:

- Pain management (from tumor burden, surgery, or treatment)
- Fatigue, nausea, insomnia, or neuropathy (from chemotherapy or radiation)
- Lymphedema or wound complications post-surgery
- Early menopause, body image concerns, or sexual health issues
- Treatment-related toxicities (GI, hematologic, neurological)
- Difficulty navigating complex treatment decisions

Psychosocial Indicators for Palliative Care:

- Anxiety, depression, or emotional distress
- Fear of recurrence or uncertainty about prognosis
- Strained family dynamics or caregiver stress
- Spiritual distress or existential concerns

Our home-based palliative care teams include a nurse practitioner, RN, and social workers, who work alongside oncology teams to improve quality of life and help patients align care with their values.

Hospice Care: When Curative Treatment Ends

Eligibility Indicators for Hospice Care:

- Metastatic breast cancer with progressive decline
- Palliative Performance Scale (PPS) $\leq 70\%$
- Dependence on ≥ 2 activities of daily living
- Electing to forgo further disease-directed therapy
- Refractory symptoms: pain, dyspnea, fatigue, weight loss, cachexia
- Frequent hospitalizations or infections
- Declining functioning status (e.g., $> 50\%$ of time spent in bed/chair)

Our team of skilled hospice professionals provides clinical expertise with dignity, respect, and understanding.

Why Families Choose WesleyLife

- Admission 7 days/week, including holidays
- Available to admit 24/7
- Full-time on-call clinical support
- Dedicated and compassionate staff



Wherever you are on the path...

Curative and Palliative Care

Hopeful, Treatment-Focused

- Exploring care options with openness and compassion
- Easing symptoms alongside ongoing treatments
- Helping families make informed choices
- Building trust and preparing for what's ahead

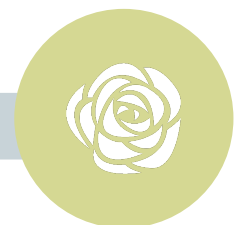


Hospice Care

Comfort, Presence, Dignity

- Focus on quality of life
- 24/7 availability and on-call support
- Daily visits during final days of life

... we're here to walk it with you.



Family Support and Legacy

Navigating Loss With Love

- Emotional and spiritual support
- Legacy planning and life celebration
- Grief support for families