Plain talk about palliative medicine

When you have a patient facing a serious illness or experiencing side effects from medical treatment, symptoms like pain, nausea, fatigue or breathlessness can complicate your efforts to provide care. Adding palliative medicine specialists to your team can help alleviate difficult symptoms, making a big difference in your patients’ life and the effectiveness of the treatment you provide.
A multidisciplinary approach to pain relief

Combining the resources and experience of Cadence Physician Group, the Palliative Medicine program brings you an interdisciplinary team exclusively focused on symptom and pain relief. This dedicated team is made up of an MD, APN, RN and LCSW, all certified in palliative medicine.

Adding the services of specialists whose sole expertise is symptom management frees you to do what you do best: treat the disease.

Assistance for any age, at any stage of serious illness
While some patients may associate palliative medicine exclusively with hospice care, it’s important to clarify that the goal of palliative medicine is to optimize quality of life and performance status, whether a patient’s treatments are curative or not.

Most often, patients are referred to the Palliative Medicine program if they have complex physical symptoms or have expressed emotional, psychosocial or spiritual concerns due to a serious illness.

Find out how the dedicated palliative medicine team can be a valuable addition to your patients’ treatment plans. Call 630.933.4847 for a consultation. TTY for the hearing impaired 630.933.4833.

HOW PALLIATIVE MEDICINE CAN HELP

Communicate with caregivers: Address changing care options, clarify patient or family priorities, facilitate communication in complex care-giving situations, make quality-of-life decisions

Cope with serious illnesses: Advanced cardiac or pulmonary disease, AIDS, ALS, cancer, dementia, end-stage renal disease, Huntingdon’s disease, MS, organ failure, sepsis

Manage difficult symptoms: Anxiety, difficulty breathing, fatigue, incontinence, loss of appetite, nausea, pain