

What does Hospice care mean today?



Southern Ocean Hospice is a special kind of care designed to treat people in the final phases of a terminal diagnoses. The focus is on care, not cure, and on the quality of life, not the duration. Hospice service is provided primarily in the patient's home, allowing families to care for their loved one at home and to be together during the final stages of the patient's life.

Hospice is a promise to provide skilled, professional support and supplemental care. An interdisciplinary team comprised of physicians, skilled nurses, certified home health aides, clinical social workers, pastoral counselors, and trained volunteers provides individualized care and support. The team works closely with the patient, the caregiver and the family—together.

Southern Ocean Hospice embraces the belief that each of us has the right to die pain-free and with dignity, and that our families will receive the necessary support to allow us to do so.



Southern Ocean Home Health & Hospice

1140 Route 72 West, Manahawkin, NJ 08050
Phone: 609-978-3090 • Fax: 609-978-3117

56 Schoolhouse Road, Whiting, NJ 08759
Phone: 732-849-9437 • Fax: 732-350-8912

www.soch.org
email: sdavis@soch.com

Southern Ocean Hospice accepts Medicare, Medicaid and most insurances for Hospice Care

An affiliate of Southern Ocean County Health System, Inc.

Southern Ocean Hospice



Hospice...it's about how you live.



Southern Ocean Home Health & Hospice

Fiction vs. Fact

Fiction:

Hospice is a place where those facing their final days go to die.

Fact:

Hospice is not a place, but a philosophy of care. Supplemental care is provided where the beneficiary lives during the final days, months or years of a person's life. This allows families to be together when they need it most, caring for and sharing in their loved one's final stage of life; in peace, pain-free and with dignity.

Fiction:

Hospice only serves persons diagnosed with cancer and provides care only for the hospice patient, not the family members.

Fact:

Although many patients admitted to hospice have conditions related to cancer, other diagnoses include Alzheimer's disease, ALS, heart, lung, kidney, renal, and liver diseases.

Hospice is a philosophy to assist and support the family as well as the patient. It is a commitment to the

family and caregiver, to guide, to support and to assist. Hospice team members help to alleviate fears and provide understanding during a difficult time.

Fiction:

To be eligible for hospice care, a patient must already be bedridden.

Fact:

Hospice care is appropriate at the time of the end-of-life prognosis, regardless of the patient's condition. Many of the patients served by hospice continue to lead productive and rewarding lives. Together, the patient, family, and physician determine when hospice services should begin.



**Southern Ocean
Home Health & Hospice**

If you would like to learn more about hospice, please call 609-978-3090 or 732-849-9437.

For your convenience, an informational consultation in the comfort of your home, or in the privacy of our office, can be arranged.

