



Compassionate Care Hospice Society

Have more questions about our Suite? Call our office phone at the Hospice Society or speak with Home Care or Palliative Care Resource Nurse.

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Compassionate Care Hospice Society Suite at Good Samaritan Clearwater Centre

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Introduction

The Good Samaritan Society (GSS) is a leading faith-based, non profit, registered charity in Western Canada that provides quality accommodations, health, and community care services and programs to individuals in need. With over 70 years of experience providing specialized health and community services in innovative and caring environments, our operational effectiveness and overarching culture of service and care make us the provider of choice for individuals and their families seeking a supportive place to call home.

The mission of The Good Samaritan Society is:

To extend Christian Hospitality through a continuum of care to those in need or at risk, regardless of race or religious belief.

Our partnership with the Compassionate Care Hospice Society (CCHS) is an extension of the Good Samaritan Mission, Vision and Values to provide home-like environments for individuals and families in need of quality supports through end-of-life transitions. GSS and CCHS recognize the value of collaboration and coming together as a community to give residents and their families a place that provides care, companionship and peace of mind. Good Samaritan Clearwater Centre has a strong history of being a welcoming home for residents and families, and these supportive hospice suites are a continuation of this legacy.

- Incontinent supplies - bring whatever you have been using at home.
- Peri wipes (baby wipes) and any other supplies used for incontinence such as creams or skin barriers.
- Small items such as pictures or favourite blankets that will personalize your Suite. Please note that additional furniture cannot be accommodated.
- We do ask that all personal items be removed from the suite within 48 hours. Your belongings may be packed and stored if required. Unclaimed items will be donated.

What will it cost me?

The Hospice Suite is offered free of charge, courtesy of the Compassionate Care Hospice Society.

Alberta Health Services covers the cost of personal care and professional services, based on assessed need, through the Home Care Program.

Medication costs are similar to home. The client/family is responsible for payment and partial coverage is available through the Alberta Blue Cross Palliative Care program. If you are not already signed up for this, Home Care, the Palliative Care Resource Nurse or your doctor can help you.

Supplies, such as those for ostomy or wound care, adult continence supplies and other specific needs will be discussed with you by the Home Care nurse. Some of the cost of these supplies may be eligible for coverage through the Alberta Aides to Daily Living Program.

What about my treatments and medications?

The focus of care within the hospice palliative care is to promote comfort, provide support and prevent or treat symptoms. This will not change when you consider or move to the Hospice Suite.

Treatments that support patient comfort and manage symptoms may be continued as they would at home. You will need to make your own arrangements to attend appointments for these.

Medications will also be reviewed regularly by your doctor and health care team. Those medications that promote comfort and symptom prevention or control will be continued. Concerns about your medications should be discussed with your doctor and nurse.

What should I bring with me?

- Shampoo, conditioner, hairbrush, comb.
- Toothbrush, toothpaste, denture care supplies, mouthwash.
- Bath soap, body wash, deodorant/antiperspirant, body lotion.
- Shaving needs - an electric shaver is best.
- Nail care needs - clippers, nail file or emery board, nail polish.
- Pajamas, nightgowns (loose), slippers, housecoat, bed socks.

CCHS Mission

To provide hospice care within the community, in a home or home like setting, to all individuals and their loved ones; fulfilled by fully-trained professionals and volunteers with respect, dignity, empathy and compassion to meet physical, spiritual and emotional needs through the end of life and bereavement journey.

Who provides my care?

All medical care will be provided by your family physician (must have 24 hour availability or on-call coverage). Home Care will work with you and your health care team to create a plan of care individualized for you. The Home Care Case Manager will oversee all aspects of your care. The on-site Licensed Practical Nurses and Health Care Aides will provide hands-on care and support. The Palliative Care Resource Nurse can provide in-depth specialized assessments and recommendations for your care to the health care team. The Hospice Society will also play a supportive role in your care, based on decisions you will make with them regarding the use of their services and volunteers. The Hospice Society offers five components of care to support you and those you care about:

- Contact Base
- Information Base
- Volunteers
- Bereavement Support
- Communication and Advocacy

What are the criteria for people wishing to stay in the suite?

- Individuals are aware of the purpose and philosophy of the Hospice Society and the care provided.
- Must be a registered client with the Hospice Society and with Alberta Health Services Home Care Program.
- A physician must confirm the diagnosis of a terminal illness and the client must be aware of the terminal nature of their disease. Your physician must also agree to provide 24/7 coverage for your medical needs.
- Life expectancy is less than 4 months.
- Cannot expect resuscitative interventions such as CPR in the event of cardiac or respiratory arrest. Should have a corresponding Goals of Care Designation of C1 or C2.
- Should have a Palliative Performance Scale of 50% or less.
- Priority will be given to residents of the town of Rocky Mountain House and Clearwater County but requests from outside the county will be considered when vacancies exist.
- There may be some conditions or treatment regimens that cannot be managed at the supportive living care home. The ability to provide you safe care for complex needs will be discussed on a case by case basis. An example of this might be high flow oxygen or management of certain behaviours such as wandering. There may also be limited availability of lab tests that might impact whether this is the right place for your care.

Is the suite right for me?

The suite offers an alternative to care at home or in acute care and is appropriate for anyone with a life-limiting illness who wants a comfortable, peaceful, supportive living experience during the last months or weeks of life.

Each suite is a self-contained one bedroom with a living room area, small kitchenette, private bathroom and room for someone to stay overnight if you wish. An emergency call system is also in place for your safety.

Meals can be taken in the dining room or in your suite.

Numerous lounge and recreation areas exist within the building that you and your family may use.

Tours of the Suites can be arranged by the Compassionate Care Hospice Society - please call to make an appointment.

In many cases, Alberta Palliative Coverage may cover the cost of ambulance transport. Your home care case manager can assist with transport arrangements if required.

You are also responsible for your own personal care items (see suggestions in this booklet of what to bring).