


Palliative Care in the Care Center

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How we started...

Met with administration-summer 2009

Met with CRA's, LPN's, RN's, Activities, environmental workers, for a three minute "Definition of Palliative Care"-summer/fall 2009
Staff recommended potential residents



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Referrals

Started with five residents-Fall 2009

Referrals--Nurses, MD's, and any Hospice graduate

Care Center nurses talk with family/resident and get informed consent

Care Center RN's talk with MD and receive order

RN/SW meet with resident/family admit



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After admission


- IDT's every two weeks
- Family meeting –goals of care
- Attend quarterly Care Conference
- SW meets weekly with resident
- RN goal see every two weeks



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Why we want to continue...

- Collaboration of the team is great
- Get pain meds sooner
- Dr. Benson will give orders during IDT
- Smoother transition to hospice



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Why we want to continue...

- Residents who need the support/goals of care...needs are met sooner because they do not have to meet Hospice criteria.
- Education materials from palliative care are being used for the dementia support group.



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What we would like to see...

More volunteers




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What's next...

Listening/Seeing other programs

More education for staff



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Any questions?

Thanks for your time!



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