

The State of Hospice in America



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The first hospice opens in Branford, Connecticut.

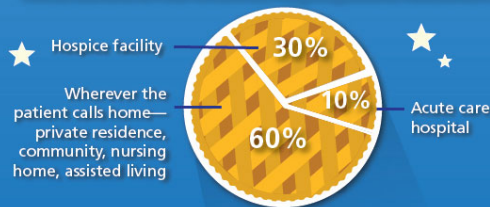
NOW: 2016



6,100 hospices are located in the United States.

Home Sweet Hospice

Hospice is a philosophy of care focused on comfort and quality of life at the end of life. Where do hospice patients receive services?



Hospice Patient Population

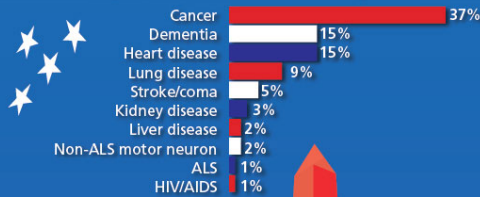
1.7 million

Americans received hospice services in 2014. Hospice gives seriously ill patients and their loved ones meaningful time together, where the focus is on the person, not the disease.

- 84%** 65 years old or older
- 76%** Caucasian
- 13%** Multiracial
- 7%** African American
- 3%** Asian, Hawaiian
- 1.3%** Other Cultures

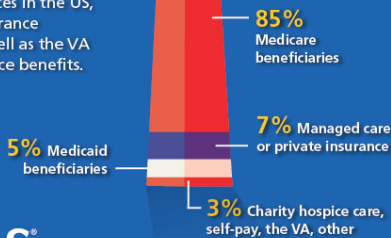
Different Diagnoses

Hospice can help with many types of serious illnesses. Hospice admissions include these diagnoses:



You're Covered

Medicare is the primary payer of hospice services in the US, but private insurance companies as well as the VA also cover hospice benefits.



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