

## Hospital End of Life Services

In accordance with SB 5179 (Laws of 2023), the purpose of this form is to provide the public with information about which end-of-life services are and are not generally available at each hospital. **Please contact the hospital directly if you have questions.**

Hospital name: **MultiCare Deaconess and Valley Hospitals**

Physical address: **800 W Fifth Ave**

City: **Spokane** State: **WA** ZIP Code: **99204**

Hospital contact: **Kathy Davis** Contact phone #: **253-403-1315**

**An acute care hospital may not be the appropriate setting for all end-of-life services listed below.**

Some end-of-life services are most appropriately available through hospice care centers, hospice agency services, or outpatient settings, depending on the specific patient circumstances.

The following checked end-of-life services are generally available at the above listed hospital:

**Advance Care Planning**

- Has written policies & procedures on advance care planning and advance directives.
- Offers information & support for advance care planning including written information on the patient's right to make decisions concerning medical care, the right to accept or refuse medical or surgical treatment, the right to formulate advance directives, & the hospital's policies respecting the implementation of such rights.
- Asks patients about advance care planning and documents whether or not a patient has an advance directive.
- Assists patients with advance care planning.

**End-of-Life and Palliative Care Services**

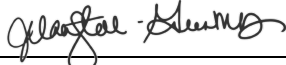
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Provides end-of-life education to patients</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Provides an evaluation of treatment options</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Provides hospice care</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Provides palliative care</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Provides spiritual care</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Provides ethics consultation services to providers and patients</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Provides referrals and resources on community resources &amp; education on palliative care.</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Provides consultation about pain &amp; symptom management.</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Process to review and honor Portable Order for Life-Sustaining Treatment forms.</li> </ul> |
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**Washington State Death with Dignity (DWD) Act**

\*Pursuant to the DWD Act, RCW 70.245.190, individual providers and facilities may choose whether or not to participate in the DWD Act. "Participate" means to perform the duties of the attending qualified medical provider, the consulting qualified medical provider, or the counseling function under the DWD Act.

- Allows providers to participate in the Death with Dignity Act at the hospital\*
- Regardless of whether or not a hospital participates in the DWD Act, the hospital supports providers to:
- Certify that a patient has a terminal disease and provide the patient information about the medical prognosis pursuant to documentation required under the DWD Act.
  - Give information about the DWD Act to a patient upon request, including information about what relevant resources are available and how to access them.
  - Document a patient's first written request for medication that the patient may self-administer to end their life in a humane and dignified manner in the patient's medical record per the DWD Act
  - Refer or transfer care of a patient to another attending or consulting qualified medical provider.
- Provides death with dignity educational materials
- Hospital pharmacies are permitted to dispense prescriptions in accordance with the purposes of the DWD Act.
- Permits patients to self-administer DWD medication at the hospital

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Signature: 

Signed by: **Jessica Van Fleet-Green, MD**

Date: **12/18/2023**

**Comments; limitations on services; other services:**

MultiCare Health System, including all adult acute-care hospitals acknowledge the rights and responsibilities under the Washington Death with Dignity Act (" Act" ) also known as Initiative 1000. Policy language includes:

A. MHS Qualified Medical Providers and other Clinical Staff are expected to respond to questions about Death with Dignity with respect and compassion. No Patient will be denied other medical care or treatment because of the Patient' s participation under the Act.

B. Qualified Patients, as defined in the Act, may not ingest Life Ending Medications at any MHS hospital, medical center, or facility.

C. MHS pharmacies will not fill prescriptions for Life Ending Medications prescribed under the Act.

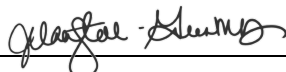
D. Members of the Medical Staffs of any MHS hospital and other Qualified Medical Providers employed by MHS may counsel their Patients about the Act.

E. Members of the Medical Staffs of any MHS hospital or hospice, and any other Qualified Medical Provider employed by MHS, may serve in the role of Attending or Consulting Qualified Medical provider as defined by and in accordance with the Act, provided they do not facilitate delivery or ingestion of Life Ending Medications within any MHS hospital or facility.

F. MHS Employees and Qualified Medical Providers are allowed to make their own individual decisions regarding their level of participation in working directly with Qualified Patients who choose to participate in the Act. Those that choose to participate should know and understand the requirements of the Act.

G. All Qualified Medical Providers employed by MHS who choose to participate in activities under the Act should be familiar with the reporting and documentation obligations under the Act.

Signature:



Signed by:

**Jessica Van Fleet-Green, MD**

Date:

**12/18/2023**

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