



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.

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State: WA

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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

- Provides end-of-life education to patients
Provides an evaluation of treatment options
Provides hospice care
Provides palliative care
Provides spiritual care
Provides ethics consultation services to providers and patients
Provides referrals and resources on community resources & education on palliative care.
Provides consultation about pain & symptom management.
Process to review and honor Portable Order for Life-Sustaining Treatment forms.

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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Signed by: Kenneth Dietrich, MD, CMO

Date: 01/03/2024

Comments; limitations on services; other services:

All providers at Summit Pacific Medical Center (SPMC) are expected to respond to any patient's query about life-ending medication with openness and compassion. SPMC believes our providers have an obligation to openly discuss the patient's concerns, unmet needs, feelings, and desires about the dying process. Providers should seek to learn the meaning behind the patient's questions and help the patient understand the range of available options, including but not limited to comfort care, hospice care, and pain control. Ultimately, SPMC's goal is to help patients make informed decisions about end-of-life care.

Summit Pacific Medical Center (SPMC) understands there are significant ethical and clinical considerations associated with the Washington State Death with Dignity Act. Each SPMC provider and each SPMC patient is a unique individual with their own beliefs about what represents an acceptable quality of life and their moral values regarding the Death with Dignity Act. SPMC does not mandate that any provider participate in the "Washington State Death with Dignity Act" nor encourages any provider to do so.

An SPMC provider may choose to participate in the Washington State Death with Dignity Act. Providers who choose to participate in the program will determine based on their clinical judgment whether or not a patient is a candidate for life-ending medication. While participating in the act, any provider at SPMC must ensure the appropriate standard of care is followed.

A participating SPMC provider may perform the following functions as defined by the Washington Death with Dignity Act:

- Perform the duties of an attending physician;
- Perform the duties of a consulting physician;
- Prescribe life-ending medication;
- Provide counseling in connection with the provision of life-ending medication;
- Perform other duties as provided for in the Act.

SPMC administration may provide oversight and may review records to the extent necessary to ensure all the safeguards of the law have been followed and the required documentation completed and submitted to the Department of Health.

Life-ending medication is generally intended to be taken outside the hospital setting. While SPMC allows its providers to participate, it prohibits patients from taking the medication at any SPMC location including the hospital. SPMC is not a compounding or commercial pharmacy and does not stock life-ending medication. While patients may receive a prescription from SPMC providers, it must be filled elsewhere.

Signature:



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