As we visit your patients in their homes, in nursing homes, or in the hospital, we can educate them about their medications, their diet, and their disease, and help relieve their symptoms.

When you need help determining when a patient is eligible for and may benefit from hospice care, turn to Delaware Hospice. Our medical director and nursing staff will work closely with you to assess and address your patient’s pain, their shortness of breath, and any issues they may have relating to nutrition, confusion, and caregiver stress. We will help prevent some of the complications of COPD, including hospitalization.

By acting as your eyes and ears as we visit your patients, we can educate them about their medications, diet, and disease, and relieve their symptoms. We can also help them and their families feel more confident, less anxious, and have a better quality of life.

Delaware Hospice improves your patient’s quality of life, helps prevent crisis situations, and works with you to manage your patient’s symptoms. To find out more, contact the Delaware Hospice location nearest you.

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Polly Drummond Shopping Center
Newark, DE 19711
(302) 478-5707

**Kent County**
911 South DuPont Highway
Dover, DE 19901
(302) 678-4444

**Sussex County**
Delaware Hospice Center
100 Patriots Way
Milford, DE 19963
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**Pennsylvania**
1786 Wilmington West Chester Pike
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Glen Mills, PA 19342
(484) 259-0017

For general information, call toll free: (800) 838-9800 or visit www.delawarehospice.org
Reasons to Consider Hospice for Your Patients:

- Showing dependence in 2 or more ADLs.
- Exhibiting progressive symptoms of their disease.
- Requiring a greater number of trips to the Emergency Room or more hospitalizations for complications of their disease.
- Family and caregivers choosing to focus more on comfort rather than on symptom treatment.
- Caregiver or family members experiencing increased stress, signs of anxiety.
- Caregiver or family calling your office more frequently with questions about medications and symptom management.

COPD and Hospice Eligibility

Lung diseases such as COPD are often stressful for patients and their families. Patients with COPD experience difficult and uncomfortable symptoms that can be challenging to manage. Patients struggle with shortness of breath and cope with complex treatment regimens that may include oxygen and multiple oral and inhaled medications.

They also face the stress of frequent hospitalizations. Over half of patients with COPD who are hospitalized because of their condition are readmitted to the hospital within 12 months.

Delaware Hospice continues to rank above the national average in quality of care for patients coping with serious illnesses such as COPD. With our strong interdisciplinary team approach, Delaware Hospice greatly improves the quality of life for patients with end-stage respiratory diseases like COPD. This means your patients and their families can benefit greatly from the extra support that Delaware Hospice can provide.

Delaware Hospice may be an option for your patients with COPD who have both:

- Dyspnea at rest
- Evidence of disease progression
- Increasing numbers of visits to your office, to the ER, or hospitalizations
- Low or declining FEV1

Your patients with COPD may also be eligible for Delaware Hospice if they have:

- Hypoxemia at rest on room air (SaO2 ≤ 88%)
- Hypercapnia (pCO2 ≥ 50%)
- Right heart failure (cor pulmonale)
- Issues with weight loss
- Resting tachycardia

Let us help you help your patients.

To learn more about our specialized teams of caregivers and the ways they can help your patients with COPD, call Delaware Hospice at (800) 838-9800.