WHEN IS ELIZABETH HOUSE AN OPTION?

Elizabeth House provides in-patient Hospice Care to those whose acute or chronic symptoms cannot be managed at home or in a nursing center setting. Below are some examples of Hospice General Inpatient Level of Care (GIP) Qualifications:

Pain Requiring:
- Delivery of medication that requires skilled nursing care for titration and administration due to the complexity, nature of the medication, and delivery system.
- Need for frequent evaluation/assessments by nurses or providers.
- Aggressive treatment to control pain that cannot feasibly be managed in the home setting.
- Frequent medication adjustments.

Other Symptoms:
- Sudden deterioration in condition requiring intensive nursing care and interventions.
- Uncontrolled nausea or vomiting.
- Comfort focused treatment for GI bleed.
- Pain associated with trauma, falls, or fractures.
- Respiratory distress requiring intensive medication management.
- Seizures, distressing myoclonus, or acute neurologic conditions.
- Agitated delirium, including hepatic or toxic-metabolic encephalopathy, severe anxiety or depression secondary to end-stage disease process.

WHEN to Recommend Palliative Care?
As soon as a patient is diagnosed with a serious illness like Alzheimer’s or Other Types of Dementia, Cancer, Parkinson’s Disease, Heart Failure, Liver or Kidney Failure, COPD and others.

HOW does Palliative Care Help?
We provide symptom management, a medicine audit to prevent drug interactions, assistance in navigating treatment options, emotional support and more for the patient and caregiver.

WHERE is Palliative Care Provided?
Wherever the patient receives care - a private home, nursing center, assisted living community, the hospital, and at our out-patient clinics.

WHEN to Recommend Hospice Care?
As soon as provider indicates life expectancy of 6 months or less and the patient is no longer seeking curative treatment.

HOW does Hospice Care Help?
We provide pain and symptom management, emotional and spiritual support, as well as grief counseling for the patient, caregiver and family.

WHERE is Hospice Care Provided?
Wherever the patient receives care - a private home, nursing center, assisted living community, the hospital, and when symptoms cannot be managed elsewhere, our Elizabeth House.