

PALLIATIVE CARE

Myths & Facts



MYTH

Palliative care is the same as hospice care.

FACT

Unlike hospice care, which is limited to the last six months of life, palliative care is appropriate at any age and at any stage of a serious illness. It can be provided along with treatment intended to cure your illness.



MYTH

Only a physician can refer a patient for palliative care.

FACT

Anyone - patients, loved ones or others involved in providing care - can make the first contact with Pallitus Health.



MYTH

Palliative care is only for adults.

FACT

Pallitus Health Partners provides palliative care to patients of all ages, from infants to seniors.



MYTH

If I elect palliative care, I can no longer see my regular doctor.

FACT

The palliative care team provides an extra layer of support and works in partnership with your primary doctor and/or specialists.



MYTH

Electing palliative care means you are giving up.

FACT

Palliative care manages the symptoms and side-effects that may occur due to your illness. It not only improves your quality of life, but allows you to thrive.

Palliative care helps answer the question "What is most important to you?"



MYTH

If you accept palliative care, you must stop other treatments.

FACT

Your treatment choices are up to you. You can receive palliative care at the same time as treatment meant to cure you.