

Hospice Myths vs. Facts

There are a lot of "myths" about hospice, and it can be hard to decipher the myths from the facts. Here are 2 common misconceptions.

Myth: Hospice care is for the last few days of life.

Fact: At Iroquois Memorial Hospice we want the opportunity to provide you with months of weekly RN nurse visits, weekly Certified Nursing Aide visits and regular social service, spiritual care and volunteer visits. A current IM Hospice patient who has been with us for 18 months would tell you that she loves the care she has received during each of those 18 months!

Myth: Hospice care means "giving up"

Fact: At Iroquois Memorial Hospice we work very hard to control any unpleasant symptoms you have so that you will feel more able to do things that are important to you like spending quality time with your family or getting out and doing things you want to do. We have arranged for a patient to do something she thought she'd never do again, ride on a Harley. We have worked with airlines and Homeland Security regarding patients requirements for in-flight oxygen equipment to allow a patient to stay comfortable and safe while she realizes her goal of flying to California to see her sister. Even something as simple as finding a volunteer to finish a cherished afghan.

Many patients who could benefit from hospice don't receive it at all or enroll at the very end of their life, missing out on the benefits. Although end-of-life discussions are difficult, it's worth the time and effort to make sure the patient is as comfortable as possible until the end.

Upcoming Summer Events with Iroquois Memorial Hospice

THANK YOU for being a hospice volunteer. We are blessed to have you as a volunteer-you quietly touch the lives of our patients and their families and unselfishly bring beauty to all who come in contact with you. Hope to see you at some of our upcoming events:



Onarga Fourth of July Parade

Saturday, 7/2 at 10:00 am
Starts at East Roosevelt Avenue

Watseka Fourth of July Parade

Monday, 7/4 at 10:00 am
Starts at WCHS football field

Brook, IN Fourth of July Parade

Monday, 7/4 at 10:00 am
Starts at Wilson Fertilizer

Newton County Fair

July 11-16 from 4-9 pm Commercial Building
7/13 & 7/14 from 5-7 pm the
IMH Kentland Clinic Staff will offer
free blood pressure checks

Iroquois County Fair

July 19-24 from 12-8 pm Commercial Building
Free blood pressure checks will be
available periodically throughout the week



"We Honor Our Veterans" pin ceremony for Mr. Kenneth Essman, US Navy World War II Veteran. Thank you for your service.



IMH employees and volunteers join in the Milford Days celebration.

Weekly Grief Support Group: Wednesdays from 4/20/21-7/13/22 from 6:30-8:30 pm at St. John Lutheran Church Schwer 1812 E. 1130 North Road, Milford, IL | **Register:** www.griefshare.org | **Questions:** Wayne Lehmann 815.383.4917