

Screening Tool for Palliative Care Consult

1. Is not a candidate for curative therapy
2. Has a life-limiting illness or has chosen not to have life prolonging therapy or issue needs to be addressed
3. Has unacceptable levels of pain longer than 24 hours
4. Has uncontrollable symptoms (i.e. nausea, vomiting, constipation)
5. Has uncontrollable psycho-social, family or spiritual issues
6. Has frequent visits to Emergency Department (1x per month for same diagnosis)
7. Has more than one hospital admission for the same diagnosis in last 30 days
8. Has prolonged length of stay without evidence of progress
9. Has prolonged stay in ICU/complex case
10. Is in ICU setting with documented poor or futile prognosis

Palliative Care Consult Team

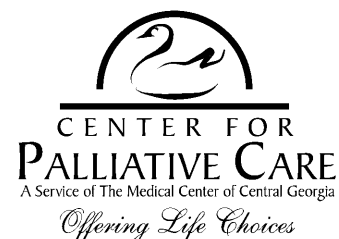
Richard Ackermann, MD, Medical Director
Steven House, MD, Assistant Medical Director
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Other MDs may be consulted

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Requires a physician order

(If unsure, Transitions Team may screen for appropriateness)

Contact Carol Babcock, Manager at 633-8049



Screening Tool for Transitions Referral

1. Team/Patient/Family needs help with complex decision making and determination of goals of care
2. Is in ICU with documented poor prognosis
3. Has prolonged length of stay/complex case
4. Complex case with multiple physicians
5. Advance Directives in place, but family/physicians have concerns
6. Has life-limiting or terminal illness and is not a candidate for curative care
7. Code status needs to be addressed
8. Family/patient request

Role of Transitions Team

- Psycho-social assessment, planning, evaluation
- Counseling interventions
- Facilitation and advocacy
- Patient and family education
- Consultation and reporting
- Team support

Transitions Care services may also be provided in home

Transitions Team

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Referral may be made by any staff/patient or family