

Guidelines to Family/Friend to refer patients to Charis Hospice Aug2023

1. Acceptance criteria for care
 - Advanced cancer (Stage 3 or 4) or end-stage organ failure
 - Terminal care of other diseases where input from hospice needed to guide family, manage symptoms or emotional distress, and the plan is for care at home
 - Must have caregiver(s) at home

NB: If the patient is or going to a nursing/aged home, family must get agreement from the home to be agreeable for hospice team to give advisory input to align care
2. Obtain these documents
 - Referral form to hospice filled in by a doctor
 - Latest imaging or lab reports if available
3. Ascertain that patient/family agreeable to be referred to hospice team
4. Email/whatsapp referral form to Charis Hospice
5. Before taking on the patient, hospice nurse will do a physical or video assessment & meet up with the family to decide on hospice role & to communicate goals of care
6. The patient/ family will need to sign a consent to receive hospice care