

Guidelines to Nursing Homes/Aged Homes to refer patients to Charis Hospice Aug2023

1. Ascertain criterion met
 - Confirmed documented advanced cancer or end-stage organ failure
 - Terminal care of other diseases where input from hospice needed for symptom control and/or manage emotional distress
2. Ascertain important documents are made available
 - Referral form to hospice filled in by a doctor
 - Latest imaging or lab reports if available
3. Ascertain that patient and family agreeable to be referred to hospice team
4. Home agreeable to advisory input of hospice team to align care
5. Once all above in place, call Charis Hospice office to notify referral & email/whatsapp referral form over
6. Before taking on the patient, hospice nurse will do a physical or digital assessment & also meet up with the family
7. Once the patient is registered with Charis Hospice, hospice nurse will guide the nursing/aged home staff on basic symptom assessment & where appropriate, end-of-life care
8. Prescriptions will be given for any medications that need to be purchased
9. Equipment loan from Charis Hospice will not be extended
10. If appropriate & requested for, hospice team is available to do a mortality audit with the nursing/aged home to have a closure for staff involved in care of the deceased