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Bringing Brighter Days

With compassion and respect, **SunCrest Hospice Care** provides dignified care to comfort and support patients and their families.

When curative treatments are no longer effective or a terminal diagnosis renders treatments obsolete, patients and families must make critical decisions regarding continued care.

“SunCrest Hospice Care grew out of a need for those who were transitioning beyond curative measures and needed compassionate care with a holistic approach,” says Magued Barsoom, CEO. “We value integrity and compassionate, ethical treatment for all.”

Eschewing the misleading connotations surrounding hospice care, SunCrest Hospice strives for every patient to reclaim agency in the decision-making process, promoting dignified care. Covered by Medicare, Medi-Cal, and many private insurance companies, services range from enhancing physical comfort to providing spiritual support and everything in between.

“Hospice is not a destination or a place, but a specialized form of healthcare that treats the whole person—mind, body, and spirit—wherever the individual resides,” Barsoom says.

Interdisciplinary Team, Tailored Care

Guiding patients through every step of their hospice journey is SunCrest Hospice’s interdisciplinary team of medical providers, spiritual counselors, and social workers.

“SunCrest Hospice is locally owned and operated. This allows for a more focused and responsive approach to care when it is needed most,” Barsoom notes. “Community health care starts at home, and SunCrest Hospice has assembled an interdisciplinary team of local medical and care specialists committed to serving the community in which we live.”

Working collaboratively to provide expert guidance and medical attention, the team also consults patients’ primary care physicians before beginning treatment to determine the best course of action for utmost comfort. Upon receiving a referral from a patient’s physician, SunCrest Hospice’s registered nurses and patient advocates begin conversing with patients and families to educate them on the benefits of hospice and to formulate a specialized care plan.

“Our physicians have special training and expertise in pain control and symptom management,” says Barsoom. “They specialize in helping patients and their families cope with

the burden of a terminal diagnosis.”

Available 24/7, the team exhibits compassion, respect, and a deep passion for their work. Patients often note their anticipation of a visit from a SunCrest Hospice provider. “They report feeling relief from pain and stress and experience an enhanced quality of life,” Barsoom adds.

Redefining Hospice Care

When initiated early, hospice care can provide immeasurable support for patients and their families.

“Fears and misconceptions prevent many from receiving this care, prolonging unnecessary suffering and pain,” Barsoom says. “But extensive research and experience have taught us that individuals who openly communicate their preferences and feelings early on derive the most benefit from hospice.”

Hospice care is a choice, but when elected, it encourages comfort, dignity, and above all, a life well lived.

“Hospice does not mean giving up,” Barsoom concludes. “It is meant to promote dignity, affirm life, and relieve suffering.”



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Hospice care may be appropriate if:

1

A physician diagnoses a terminal condition with an expected life span of six months or less

2

Curative treatments are no longer effective

3

Aggressive treatments have increased pain and suffering with little-to-no beneficial outcome

4

Physical activity, cognition, and mental clarity decline

5

Repeated falls, hospitalizations, and ER visits occur over a three-to-six-month period

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Recuperate, Rejuvenate, Restore

SunCrest Home Health Services brings expert, skilled care to patients in the comfort of their own homes.

It’s a common dilemma for people who experience a decline in physical well-being or arrive home after a hospitalization: Routine visits to physicians are integral to restoring health, yet mustering the energy to attend multiple appointments is draining.

For patients in Southern California, SunCrest Home Health Services offers a solution. With services ranging from medication management and speech therapy to hygiene assistance and nutrition education, Magued Barsoom, CEO, and his robust team of skilled providers assist patients with daily medical needs and



more—all in the comfort of their homes.

“Receiving home health care offers many beneficial outcomes including improved function, independence, and well-being while reducing recurring hospitalizations and falls,” Barsoom notes.

Patients First

A patient-centered approach to care ensures SunCrest Home Health delivers holistic treatments to improve everyday life by assisting with critical needs.

“SunCrest Home Health is the preferred local provider of skilled nursing and therapeutic care among physicians, hospitals, and nursing facilities,” says Barsoom. “This is the outcome of prioritizing patient-centered care through collaboration, responsiveness, and demonstrated results.”

As a locally owned and operated provider, SunCrest Home Health harbors a passion for helping neighbors when they need it most. Barsoom is a

dedicated community advocate who has assisted hospitals and facilities to safely discharge patients, and has helped elderly and medically fragile individuals who are under-insured or without adequate access to medical services receive necessary care and therapeutic treatments at home.

“Under the guidance of your physician, we will design a comprehensive care plan specific to your condition and health goals,” Barsoom notes. Such collaboration ensures treatment plans are tailored to the unique needs of every patient, delivered in line with the physician’s orders, and adjusted as needed based on the patient’s progress.

Beyond Basic Needs

Seeking the assistance of SunCrest Home Health’s experienced certified home health aides, registered nurses, and other medical professionals changes the way patients receive treatment. Expert, patient-centered care is always the goal, and helping people regain independence through convenient, personalized service contributes to overall health in bigger, brighter ways.

“With SunCrest Home Health, patients can expect a variety of services for recuperation, restoration, and wellness,” Barsoom says. “We provide competent and compassionate care for the restoration and promotion of good health and independence.”



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