

PARTNERING WELL: PROFILING HOSPICE SOCIETIES IN IH

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HOSPICE SOCIETIES ACROSS IH

Interior Health is fortunate to have 29 Hospice Society/Association partners across our region with whom to collaborate and support the palliative care needs of individuals, families and communities. Local hospice societies offer volunteer support services, public education and a unique blend of programming based on community needs.

What is Hospice?

Hospice societies are *not* only about 'death and dying'. They offer a philosophy of care that supports individuals and families as they face a life-limiting illness. Hospice care is based on a holistic model that seeks to enhance a person's quality of life and actively support their emotional, physical, mental and spiritual needs and wishes. A person can receive hospice care within their own home or in any care setting.

Why Refer to Your Local Hospice Society?

Trained hospice volunteers can provide a variety of services and support including advance care planning, companionship, caregiver respite, grief and bereavement support and much more.

PRACTICE PEARLS

Early recognition of the value and benefits of hospice services can make a world of difference for individuals and loved ones.



Hospice Societies and Associations are integral members of the *Circle of Care*. You are encouraged to engage in the following ways:

- **Inform** yourself and reach out to your local hospice society.
- **Learn** about the services offered and explore opportunities for collaboration.
- **Display** and share local brochures, posters and other information.
- **Describe** the value of your local hospice and know *how to refer*; seek the permission of the person/family you care for.
- **Invite** local hospice to *Whole Community Palliative Rounds*.
- **Support** and promote hospice activities and fundraisers in your local community.

RESOURCES

[Hospice Societies and Associations within the Interior Health Region](#)