



KP Orange County Inpatient Palliative Care Team

Information for Patients and Families

What is the Inpatient Palliative Care Team?

- A *Consultation Service* available to patients with advanced or chronic illness
- A Physician, Registered Nurse, Social Worker, and Chaplain meet with you and your family to discuss the medical, social, spiritual and psychological aspects of living with an advanced or chronic illness.

When can the Inpatient Palliative Care Team be helpful to you?

- You have been told you have an advanced illness, you have started or stopped a treatment, or your illness is progressing
- You and your physician are doing all you can do to treat your illness, but you are still having problems
- You are not bouncing back like you used to after a health setback
- You and your caregivers are struggling with the next steps concerning moving forward

Why is Kaiser Permanente offering this service?

- Many people with a serious, advancing illness benefit from a consultation with the Inpatient Palliative Care Team to talk about common concerns, such as
 - discussing and understanding current medical condition(s)
 - medical decision-making
 - receiving support for mind, body and spirit
 - assistance talking with family and loved ones

What is provided?

- Education – about your diagnosis and treatment
- Counseling – a place to talk about your concerns and gain emotional support
- Information – helpful tools for planning and dealing with your illness

Where are these services provided?

- Kaiser Anaheim and Irvine Campuses

How can I get a referral for an Inpatient Palliative Care Team Consultation?

- Ask your MD, or call the Inpatient Palliative Care Team at Anaheim (714) 644 7894 or Irvine (949) 932 6242