

# Fast Track Admissions

## Fast Track Admissions to the Inpatient Care Center Admissions Line 303-398-6200

As our community partner, we'll work closely with you to provide excellent hospice care and to exceed your expectations and those of your patients.



### What is a Fast Track Admission?

Fast Track is a process to simplify admissions to our Inpatient Care Center. This is when General Inpatient Care (GIP) hospice-eligible patients with a payer source have consented to a treatment transition directly to our Inpatient Care Center.

### Can I Fast Track from any location?

Yes! Once you make a Fast Track referral, we work directly with you to arrange transfer to our state-of-the-art Inpatient Care Center.

### What are the steps for a Fast Track Admission?

- Review GIP Qualifications: The case manager, physicians and clinical staff consult on the patient's GIP status with our admissions staff (see guidelines on reverse side).
- Discuss Hospice Care: Determine if the patient's goals of care are aligned with hospice. An Inpatient Care Center patient needs a current DNR.
- Identify Payer Source: Fast Track patients need to have private insurance, Medicare, Medicaid or a completed Medicaid application.
- Call in the Referral: Call our Admissions staff at 303-398-6200 and ask for a Fast Track Admission.
- Order Transportation: Work with our admission staff to order transportation.
- Communicate Nurse to Nurse: Speak directly to our Inpatient Care Center charge nurse to coordinate care.

For information  
or referrals, call  
**303-398-6200**

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## Guidelines Reference

### General Inpatient Care (GIP) for Hospice Patients per Medicare Regulations

General Inpatient care (GIP) is a level of hospice care for patients in need of symptom management and/or comprehensive education and support related to a terminal diagnosis. General inpatient level is available in a hospital, hospice care center or skilled nursing facility.

- GIP is for short-term, aggressive, palliative (not curative), skilled management for symptoms related to a terminal diagnosis.
- GIP is not custodial or residential care. Once the patient's symptoms/pain are stabilized, he or she must return to a routine level of hospice care.

Documentation must support the need for GIP level of care regarding the following change in condition:

1. Sudden deterioration requiring intensive interventions
2. Uncontrolled nausea or vomiting despite changes to medications
3. Pain despite numerous changes to medication
4. Unmanageable respiratory distress
5. Frequent medication adjustments to control symptoms
6. Stabilizing treatment that cannot take place at home
7. Pathological fractures
8. Open lesions requiring frequent skilled care
9. Complex wound/skin care requiring complex dressing changes
10. Change in neurological status: new and worsening agitation, delirium, restlessness, acute and/or new change in level of consciousness, active seizures
11. Terminal agitation, needing frequent interventions and/or unresponsive to medication
12. Frequent interventions for comfort during the dying process and increased support needed for the family