

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 admission to our Inpatient Care Center. Fast Track is appropriate when hospital discharge planners and hospice-eligible patients meeting General Inpatient Care (GIP) criteria have consented to transition 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?

1. Call our admissions staff at 303-398-6200 and ask for a Fast Track Admission.
2. An admissions nurse will review documentation to ensure hospice and GIP eligibility.
3. Prior to Fast Track Admission, the hospital discharge planner will have a goals of care conversation to determine patient/family willingness to transition to hospice care at The Denver Hospice Inpatient Care Center.
4. In most cases, The Denver Hospice admissions team will arrange for transportation to our Inpatient Care Center.
5. Consent forms are completed prior to transfer. This can be done remotely with assistance from the nurse discharge planner or by the family at the Inpatient Care Center.
6. The hospital nurse will connect with the Inpatient Care Center charge nurse for a patient report to ensure quality coordination of care.

As the leading provider of life-enhancing hospice and palliative care,
we help patients and their families get more from life.

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or referrals, call
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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