

Hospice

Kalispell, MT

About our Hospice Unit:

- **Patient demographics:** We serve all ages from birth to death.
- **Schedules and call requirements:** Our office is open M-F from 0800-1700. We have some clinicians who work five 8 hour days and others who work four 10 hour days. There is a call requirement and holiday/weekend rotation.

Common treatments and skill sets/procedures:

Hospice focuses on dignified care with those who have a life-limiting diagnosis of 6 months or less. Common diagnoses for both teams include: cancer, COPD, dementia, abnormal weight loss, heart failure, orthopedic conditions, diabetes, hypertension, Parkinson's, venous insufficiency, and so many more.

Qualities of a hospice nurse:

Nurses who are critical thinkers, knowledgeable, independent and great communicators do best here.

Although you are in the home caring for the patient, you still have support through your leadership, other clinicians and providers, so clear communication is key.

A day in the life of our unit:

Our day begins at 0800 from the office or your home. Once you have confirmed your visits, our clinicians head out by 0900 and manage their visits and caseloads. Charting is done in the visit and the day ends at 1700.

Our unit is known for doing noble things for patients in the setting they know best: home. We keep patients out of facilities and in the place and with the people they feel most comfortable with.

