

Expert medical service, a full-time rabbinical staff, and deep roots in the community give you the highest confidence in our locally-based, personalized care.



# Skirball Hospice

A Program of the Los Angeles Jewish Home



Committed to Quality of Life

Hospice care is not curative in its goals and treatments. Referrals are usually made when a serious condition is believed to be advancing, when medical intervention has reached its maximum benefit, or when the individual or family representative decides to refocus on maintaining comfort and symptom management at home rather than in the hospital. Early response to these circumstances best allows meaningful support to patients and their families.

We don't seek to prolong life beyond its natural course, nor does our involvement hasten death in any way. Prognosis is reviewed frequently, and hospice discontinues if the condition has stabilized or if a decision is made to pursue curative treatment. Hospice can resume at a future time if the need recurs.

Skirball Hospice does not exclude, deny benefits to, or otherwise discriminate against any person on the grounds of race, color, ancestry, national origin, mental or physical handicap, sex, sexual orientation or religion. This is true for both services provided directly by Skirball Hospice as well as through a contractor. While there is no discrimination due to age at admission, our services are provided for persons over the age of 18 as care of infants, children and young adults at the end of life is provided by organizations with specific training and capability.

Skirball Hospice is a program of the non-profit Los Angeles Jewish Home and is funded in part by the Skirball Foundation but has no beneficial relationships with any other referring entities.

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#### **Contact Us**



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A hospice team member will respond to calls at all times.



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818.774.3040 (Always Answered)







### **Help to Families Facing Life-Limiting Illness**

Caring for a family member with a life-limiting illness is stressful, but you don't need to face it alone. Skirball Hospice brings comfort care to adults in the Greater Los Angeles area, whether in your own home or in the care facility you prefer. Hospice in-patient care is also available at the Jewish Home.

We support and assist families and caregivers with compassion and expertise. Hospice care includes pain medication, durable medical equipment, supplies, and personal care at no cost through Medicare, Medi-Cal and most private health plans. Our integrated team, including doctors, nurses, chaplains, medical social workers, registered dieticians, and certified home health aides, provides skillful, individual attention. Services include:

- Physician visit within 7–14 days of hospice admission
- Pain control and symptom management

- Emotional and spiritual support
- On-call availability nights and weekends
- Volunteer support and companionship opportunities
- Bereavement services for 13 months following hospice care

### Skirball Hospice and the Los Angeles Jewish Home two names you can trust.

A program of the renowned Los Angeles Jewish Home and its 100 plus-year tradition of care, Skirball Hospice provides comfort, companionship, and palliative care at the most challenging times of life. With a grant from the Skirball Foundation and accredited by the National Institute of Jewish Hospice and Community Health Accreditation Program, Skirball Hospice brings a tradition of excellence and dedication into the community. We serve clients of all religions and ethnicities with the skill, dignity, and warmth that is our trademark.

### **Your Choice for Quality Hospice Care**

As a non-profit agency, our mission is exemplary care, supporting quality of life for our patients and families. With our exceptional staffing ratio, you receive the service and attention befitting this time in your life.

Families have the option to specify Skirball Hospice for the compassion and expertise of our dedicated team. We recommend you discuss your needs with your doctor and, when appropriate, request a referral to us at 818.774.3040, or faxed to 818.774.3089.

The Skirball Team is available 24 hours a day. Please call us with any questions you may have.

## **Information for Physicians**

Admission to hospice is voluntary and begins with an order faxed or phoned to our office. You may continue as the primary care physician, unless you indicate otherwise. Consultations are available from our hospice Medical Director, who is an Assistant Clinical Professor at UCLA and board certified in Hospice and Palliative Medicine and Internal Medicine. Please consider referring when your patient has had a decline in condition and hospitalization interventions are no longer beneficial. Hospice diagnoses may include but are not limited to:

- Alzheimer's
- HIV/AIDS
- ALS Cancer
- Liver Disease • Pulmonary Disease
- Cardiac Disease Renal Disease
- Dementia
- Stroke