

You choose your doctor.
You choose your hospital,
Now choose the hospice
specialists.



You and your family have made so many tough decisions. When it comes to hospice, the choice is easy.

VITAS Innovative Hospice Care* is the nation's leading provider of compassionate end-of-life care. Right here in Dallas, we have been providing physical, emotional and spiritual support to patients and families for more than 25 years. There are many things that set VITAS apart from other hospice providers in Dallas.

- VITAS is the only hospice in Dallas with a licensed inpatient hospice unit.
- VITAS employs full-time physicians who dedicate all of their professional time to hospice patients and families.
- VITAS responds rapidly to patient referrals or requests for a hospice evaluation.
- The VITAS Texas Access Initiative aims to expand access to end-of-life care for African Americans, Hispanics and all people of color. We partner with organizations such as the Dallas Healthcare Coalition, the Metroplex Black Nurses Association and area churches.
- In 2010, VITAS was recognized by the Interdenominational Ministers Association as Healthcare Provider of the Year.
- VITAS was recognized by the Martin Luther King Center as 2009 Business of the Year

Helping Manage Life-Limiting Illnesses

Most people nearing the end of life want to remain in the comfort of their own homes—wherever "home" may be—surrounded by their loved ones. VITAS provides compassionate care in patients' homes, nursing homes and assisted living

communities. Services include:

- Expert pain and symptom management
- Intensive Comfort Care* provides for care in the "home" up to 24 hours a day during brief periods when symptoms require intensive management
- Telecare 24-hour access to clinical staff, even on holidays

On behalf of my brother, sisters and cousins, I want to thank you for all the care and love that you gave our aunt... you are all very special.

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—Dallas, TX

Putting Patients and Families First

Individuals differ in their desire for counseling and in their religious beliefs. VITAS offers a wide variety of services designed to reduce anxiety and help patients and families maintain their emotional and spiritual well-being.

- **Support groups**
- **Religious and spiritual counseling**
- **Bereavement services**
- **Pet therapy**
- **Music therapy**

VITAS Innovative Hospice Care* and the local community churches have joined in a covenant of care. As partners, we have made a commitment to provide compassionate end-of-life care wherever it is needed.

VITAS can help.

For more information, please call

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