

Information about the Palliative Care Ward (Hospice)

What is the Palliative Care Ward?

The Palliative Care Ward is an inpatient facility for patients living with an advanced disease, such as cancer, for which curative treatment is not available, and their families.

We aim to relieve the pain, distress, and concerns of patients as far as possible, and to help them feel happy in their daily lives. We basically do not provide cancer treatment, procedures or tests that distress the patients, or resuscitation or other measures for mere life-support purposes. We value the quality of our patients' lives and provide support so that they can live their own lives fully.

Characteristics of the Palliative Care Ward (Hospice)

- Medical staff members visit a patient depending on the patient's needs. We provide treatment or procedures based on the patient's wishes and discussions among the medical staff.
- There are basically no restrictions on visitations or accompanying a patient. If restrictions on visitations are preferred, please inform us.
If the family would like to accompany the patient or stay overnight, please inform the staff. Temporary beds can be rented.
Basic rooms: 550yen daily for 1 foldable temporary bed
Private rooms: A sofa bed available in the room can be unfolded and used as a temporary bed (no charge).
Family room (including bedclothes/bedding): 6,600 yen per night
- Visitors may bring gifts and patients may receive their favorite items, food, and beverages; however, we are not responsible for managing these items.
If a patient or visitor would like to bring a pet, please ask the staff.
- If a patient would like to go out or sleep over, please do not hesitate to ask the doctor or a nurse. If permission is given to go out or sleep over, please notify us by submitting the designated form.
- Equipment in the ward is freely available.
The social lounge has a piano and CDs and a CD player can be rented. Enjoy music for a family get-together or a party.
The shampoo lounge is used to wash hair. The shared space has a kitchen with a refrigerator, microwave oven, water heater, and icemaker. An ice shaver is also available. If a patient has difficulty eating meals, please try shaved ice.
If patients, families, or visitors would like to bring other equipment than these, please ask the staff. If the concerned equipment is considered to be inappropriate based on safety control, we may not give permission. We are not responsible for any equipment that is brought in. Please remove all equipment when the patient is discharged (we cannot dispose of the patient's equipment).
- Conversation with the chaplain (pastor): Mondays at 14:30
Tea time and recital: Social lounge at 14:30 (Recital by music therapists and music volunteers)
Music therapy: Weekdays between 10:00 and 16:00 (Based on the patient's wishes, music is played in the social lounge or the patient's room)
We organize various other events, including seasonal events. Please see the notices for details.
- Except for Sundays and holidays, several volunteers work in the ward. They refill vases with water, replace new towels, prepare for tea time, and help with patients' daily lives (such as shopping, massaging, and accompanying a patient when walking around).
We also provide reflexology, aromatherapy, and other services. If patients request such services, please let us know.

Medical staff in this ward

Our medical staff comprise palliative medicine experts (primary physician, attending physician, residents, nurse manager (head nurse), assistant nurse manager (sub-head nurse), nurses, nursing aids, pharmacists, and volunteers) and psychotherapists, psychiatrists, mental health nurses, chaplains (pastors), social workers, music therapists, physical therapists, dietitians, home-visiting nurses, and other members. As a team, all staff members support patients and their families. If patients and their families would like to have a consultation, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Medical expenses in this ward

Approximate medical expenses during the stay in the Palliative Care Ward are as follows.

- Hospitalization cost in the Palliative Care Ward: 50,510 yen/day (10% self-pay: 5,051 yen, 20% self-pay: 10,102 yen, 30% self-pay: 15,153 yen)
- The expenses are subject to the high medical expense benefits.
- Meals: 460yen/meal (self-pay varies among patients)

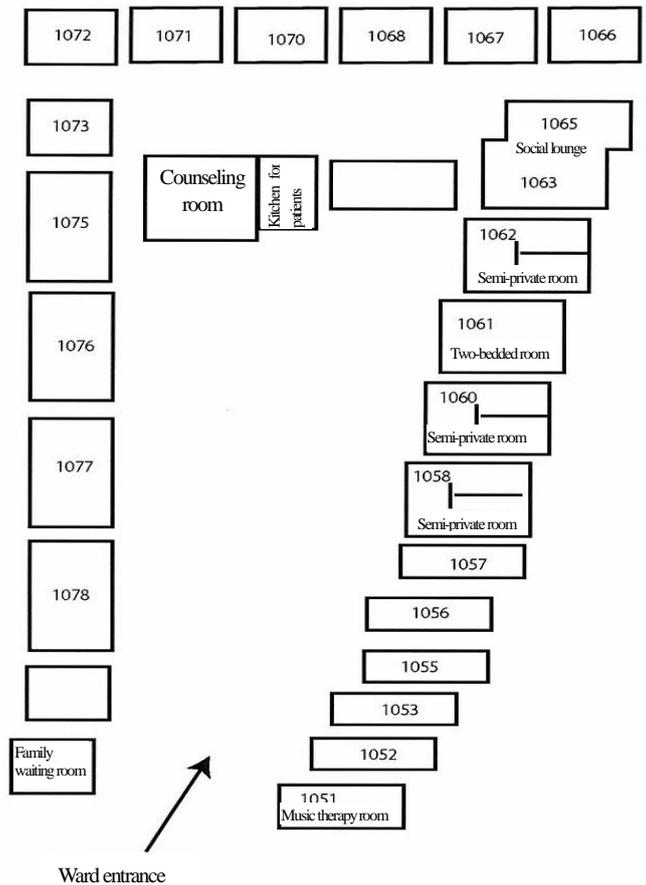
Outline of the facility

This ward has 23 beds in total: 10 beds in private rooms and 13 beds in basic rooms.

Two types of private rooms are available: 49,500 yen/day (9 beds) and 22,000 yen/day (1 bed).

Some of the basic rooms do not have a private bathroom (shower and toilet).

Other facilities include a social lounge, kitchen for patients, interview room, family waiting room, music therapy room, shampoo lounge, and bath lift.



Hospitalization of patients in a stable condition

When a patient's condition has stabilized, we strongly recommend home care.

If a stable patient wishes to remain in the ward, we may request the patient to move to another hospital.

Admission and discharge

Admission and discharge are determined with the understanding and consent of the patient and his/her family based on their discussions with the medical staff.

After discharge, consultations are available at the Palliative Care Outpatient Department (Monday to Friday in the morning).

Patients can also receive home care supported by us, a local home-visit nursing station, and a doctor.

We can provide emergency care depending on the circumstances.