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## What role does Hospis Malaysia play?

HOSPIS Malaysia provides professional palliative care to those living with life-limiting illnesses which typically include cancers, Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS), organ failure or progressive neurological conditions. Palliative care works alongside curative treatment, but it correspondingly increases as curative measures decline.

The heart of our service

lies in our philosophy which is to "offer palliative care that effectively addresses the various needs of patients and their families, and in the process, ensure comfort and dignity for those living with the illness, as well as the best quality of life for them and for their loved ones."

Since our inception in 1991, the number of patients referred to Hospis Malaysia has steadily increased. In

2010, we received in excess of 1,600 patient-referrals.

Our services include a home care programme, a twice-a-week day care centre for patients, and the loan of medical equipment. All our services and facilities are offered free-of-charge. The medical team of palliative care doctors and nurses make approximately 1,000 home visits a month and we need approximately RM2.5

million for annual operating expenses.

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