



Sutter VNA & Hospice

A Sutter Health Affiliate

Community Based, Not for Profit

## What is Sutter VNA & Hospice?



### *What Does "VNA" Mean?*

**VNA stands for Visiting Nurse Association. Sutter VNA & Hospice's roots go back to 1906 when Berkeley public health nurses volunteered to visit the homes of victims of the San Francisco earthquake and fire. Groups such as our became known as Visiting Nurse Associations, and the name continues today in home health care organizations across the country.**

**Sutter VNA & Hospice is a State licensed, Medicare certified home health and hospice agency, accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations.**

### **Our services make each patient's home part of our "hospital without walls."**

Sutter VNA & Hospice provides health care at home for patients recovering or living with illness, and end of life care at home for those with life-limiting conditions. Sutter VNA & Hospice cares for more than 22,000 home health care patients and 3,200 hospice patients each year.

**For many patients, Sutter VNA & Hospice is all that stands between them and the "revolving door" of repeated hospitalizations, emergency room visits, or institutional care.**

Our services extend the continuum of health care from hospitals and doctors' offices directly into patients' homes, where they receive the medical attention, education, and skilled care needed to recover or live with illness to the fullest extent possible.

Each patient receives one-to-one-skilled care, as we carry out an individualized plan developed with the patient's doctor.

**Home health** patients commonly include: patients recently discharged from the hospital after surgery, illness, injury, and stroke; those with chronic illnesses such as cancer, heart disease, diabetes and Alzheimer's Disease; new mothers and babies; and the frail elderly.

Home health care services provided by Sutter VNA & Hospice include:

- Registered Nurses
- Physical, Occupational, and Speech Therapists
- Medical Social Workers
- Registered Dieticians
- Home Health Aides
- Home Infusion Therapy
- Specialized Wound Care and Ostomy Care
- Pain Management

**Hospice care** is intended for patients who have been diagnosed with a terminal illness and wish to receive palliative care, as opposed to curative treatment. Hospice focuses on the medical and emotional needs of the patient and family, with care that emphasizes pain management and symptom control, emotional support, and social services. Hospice services provided by Sutter VNA & Hospice include:

- Registered Nurses
- Pain Management and Symptom Control
- Medical Social Workers
- Home Health Aides
- Interfaith Chaplains
- Volunteer Respite Care
- Related Medical Equipment and Drugs
- Bereavement Support

*We welcome your patient referrals.  
Please call (800) 557-9777.*