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VNA MEDICAL DIRECTORS PROVIDE ADDED PATIENT CARE

Medical directors play an important role in the Visiting Nurse Association's hospice program. When patients are admitted for VNA hospice care, the medical directors become their primary physicians. They make home visits to their patients and attend case conferences to confer with VNA nurses and other hospice staff to ensure the best patient care

VNA's medical directors are also available for consultation with a patient's nurse each weekday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. A physician is on call between 5 p.m. and 8 a.m. on weekdays and all day Saturday and Sunday to address the emergency medical needs of hospice patients. This extra measure of care is reassuring to both patients and their families.

VNA welcomes Paul Guttuso, M.D., hospice medical director for the Kaufman County area, and Timothy Harris, M.D., the new hospice medical director for Ann's Haven VNA in Denton. They join Steven Bray, M.D., and Robert Beard, M.D., hospice medical directors for VNA's Dallas County office; and Neeta Nayak, M.D., hospice medical director for VNA's Collin County branch office.

To learn more about the benefits of VNA hospice care, call 214-689-2355 or go online at www.vnatexas.org.

Dr. Paul Guttuso, VNA's hospice medical director for the Kaufman County area, confers with Judy Irwin, R.N., branch supervisor, at the bi-weekly case conference.



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