

# The Value of a Partnership with VITAS

All hospices must provide core services, but substantial variation exists in how these services are delivered.

## Hospice Core Services

Core Team | All Levels of Care | 24/7 Availability  
Medications | Equipment

## Elevated Care

- Telecare
- Telehealth
- Intensive Comfort Care®
- Visits after hours and weekends
- Physician centric care model

## Distinctive Programs

- Advanced lung
- Heart failure
- Sepsis/Post-Sepsis
- Oncology
- Dementia behavioral protocols
- ED diversion
- Academic partnerships and publications
- Robust educational platform offering CEUs, CMEs, multilingual patient and family education
- Clinical pastoral education
- Local ethics committee

## Complex Modalities

- IV hydration/TPN Lyte
- IV/PO antibiotics
- Inotrope therapy
- Sub-Q diuretics
- Therapy Services: PT, OT, Speech
- Paracentesis
- Thoracentesis
- Blood transfusions
- Oncology taskforce for anti-tumor treatments (hormonal, XRT)
- PleurX drains
- Nutritional counseling
- ICDs/LVADs

## VITAS-Owned HME

- Oxygen, including high-flow
- Non-invasive ventilation, BiPAP, CPAP, home ventilator, and Trilogy
- Hospital bed
- Specialized mattresses
- ADL assist devices
- Incontinence supplies
- Wound care supplies
- Hospice-specific access (24/7/365) and speed to home medical equipment (HME)

## Specialty Therapies

- Respiratory therapy
- Music
- Massage
- Pet
- PT/OT/Speech
- Wound care
- Dietary
- Child-life specialist
- Bereavement/support groups
- Veterans specialist