

Hospivision

Touching Lives, Giving Hope

No one can ever say that I will never fall ill. It can happen to anybody; to someone close to you or even yourself. Imagine the joy of having a compassionate Hospivision friend when you are facing illness, hospitalization or surgery, someone who can support and comfort you as a patient, as well your caregivers through your journey through adversity. At Hospivision we assist people to regain as much of their humanity, dignity, and integrity as possible, despite their health struggles. Illness impacts both on the individual and those around them. That is why we want to help people get their lives back. The cancer, the heart attack, the operation, the trauma becomes a smaller and smaller part of how we think about ourselves and we recover our capacity to focus on the things that are of value to us – family, friends, play, the community, spirituality, artistic expression, work.....to live with HOPE!

Hospivision is a non-profit (reg. nr: 99 12761/08) Christian Faith-Based Organization (FBO) established in 1997 to provide psycho-social and spiritual care, counseling and training, as well as physical support in the healthcare environment. Hospivision is a section 18(A) Public Benefit Organization with tax exemption (RG/0042/09/05) and complies with Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment (BBBEE) criteria.

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Hospivision is a section 18(A) Public Benefit Organization with tax exemption (RG/0042/09/05) which means all donations are tax deductible.

You are able to reduce your taxable income by the amount of the donation up to 10% of your total income. Hospivision also complies with Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment (BBBEE) - Level 4, so companies can earn BBBEE points and Corporate Social Investment (CSI) benefits by donating to Hospivision.

Encouragement of nursing staff

Can you imagine a hospital without nurses?

Neither can I. They are the backbone of patient care and make a lot of sacrifices by working 12-hour shifts at a time. At Tygerberg, we support them with monthly encouragement sessions of half an hour. We start off by building a puzzle as an illustration of teamwork. One nurse summed the puzzle exercise up as follows: "I fit into you and you fit into me and together we form a picture".

Annette de la Porte



What is life?

Quick answers would be: to breathe, to see, to love and to enjoy health. At the trauma ward in Steve Biko Academic Hospital, there are different answers to that question for each person. A young child swallowed something and has difficulty breathing. The Sister turns him around and suddenly pushes on his stomach and out pops the object. The mother laughs with joy. For them, life is breathing without obstruction. The ambulance staff wheel a young man in on a stretcher who fell from a bakkie. Due to his injuries, his heartbeat is irregular. His family stands around his bed, dazed with shock. For them, life is a young man having a steady, regular heartbeat. An elderly man moves in an out of consciousness, facing a possible amputation of his foot as a complication of diabetes. He wrestles with depression and talks to me in morse code: a short sentence at a time with long silences in between. "They keep me going" and he points a finger at a nurse and a doctor. For him, life is two people treating him with dignity. What is life to you?

Rev Chris Steyn is living the next chapter of his life in heaven.

Training

Hospivision can be likened to an embassy in a foreign country. You need to understand the language, culture and ethical procedures of the foreign country where you are sent as an ambassador. Likewise "visitors from foreign countries" (the community outside the hospital) need to be orientated about the ethics and procedures that must be adhered to inside the hospital.

In the healthcare field, Hospivision has been effective in mobilizing and supporting people to reach out to and establish ministries in hospitals in their areas. Hospivision's training experience in this field, as well as accredited training programs, ensuring responsible and sustainable outreach programs.

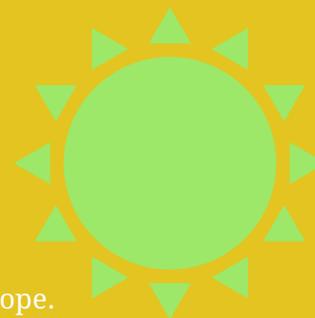
Hospivision also presents Continuous Professional Development workshops for people in the helping professions.

Courses Offered

The following training programs are accredited with the Centre for Contextual Ministry at the University of Pretoria:

- Spiritual care and counseling for the sick
- Hopeful compassion: spiritual care and counseling for people living with AIDS
- Choose life: a faith and value-based approach to HIV prevention
- Memory work and life maps in counseling for loss, death, and bereavement
- You have the power: short course in victim support and empowerment (Advanced)
- Trauma counseling in an Accident and Emergency Unit (Advanced)
- To believe in sunshine: a narrative approach to journeying with depression (Advanced)
- Clinical Spiritual and pastoral care/counseling (supervised encounters with people in crisis) (Advanced 4 day course)

VISION & MISSION



OUR VISION

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OUR MISSION

Hospivision facilitates the establishment of sustainable integrated support systems that reach out to and are in service of the sick, the vulnerable and the disadvantaged, their families and those who care for them.

A God appointment over a cup of coffee

I walked into the hospital and suddenly felt like having a cup of coffee. I am not a coffee drinker so I decided against it. When the lift came, the urge to go and have coffee came over me again and I went downstairs to the coffee shop. While I was paying for the coffee, a lady walked in and looked at my name tag. She asked me: Are you a Reverend? What do you do in the hospital? I explained that I mostly deal with people who are terminal with cancer and accompany them and their families on their journey of grief and saying their goodbyes. She started crying and walked with me to the coffee machine. I suggested that we sit down and have a chat. She said: "My son died a year ago today. He was a student at Stellenbosch and went to soccer practice. He jumped up and bumped a ball with his head, fell back to the ground and was brain dead when he got to Tygerberg hospital. This morning I prayed to God and asked him to please send me somebody today to whom I can talk. After his death, we as a family never talk about him or about his death because it is too painful". We sat and talked for two hours and she did a lot of crying and was so relieved to talk to someone.

Rev Derrick Wood

WHAT WE DO

- Emotional and spiritual care of patients and their families.
- Pre-and post-test counseling and support to people with HIV & Aids and their Families
- Choose Life: a Value-based HIV prevention program.
- Employee Assistance Programs: debriefing hospital staff.
- Training volunteers in basic pastoral care
- Hospivision Time - a weekly program on Radio Pulpit and Radio Cape Pulpit.