

# Caring for Life

By Assisi Hospice



Assisi Hospice, founded and owned by the Franciscan Missionaries of the Divine Motherhood Sisters, has spent the last 42 years caring for the underprivileged and the sick in Singapore. Today, Assisi Hospice has developed a comprehensive model of care that includes inpatient service, hospice home care and a day centre for our patients.

In light of the ageing population in Singapore and the shrinking size of our families here, there is a constant need to increase resources to meet the medical needs of the community. Furthermore, the patients are getting younger, and their needs have also become progressively more complex. We take care of children as well as adults aged 20 to 50 years, whose requirements are very different from those in their 70s or 80s, so we need to respond appropriately to the needs of our patients and their families.

To serve the needs of our patients, Assisi Hospice is looking for volunteer doctors to offer their services in their area of specialisation.

If you are interested to be a part of this life-affirming team, please complete the form below and return it via email to Joyce Ong at [joyce\\_ong\\_sg@assisihospice.org.sg](mailto:joyce_ong_sg@assisihospice.org.sg) or fax to 6253 5312. For more information, please call Joyce at 6347 6443 or visit our website at <http://www.assisihospice.org.sg>. **SMA**

## Volunteer stories

Our professional volunteers help us to improve the quality of life of our patients. You may choose to volunteer on a regular or ad hoc basis.

- Our volunteer dentist visits Assisi Hospice once a week to provide dental care for our patients. When more treatments are required, patients are then brought to a near-by clinic. This care has enabled our patients to speak and eat better which has brought benefits to their overall quality of life.
- A volunteer ophthalmologist was called upon to review an inpatient who had bilateral cataracts for a few years. She was deemed a suitable candidate for surgery despite her cancer. Today, with the help of this surgery, this patient is leading an independent life in the community and continues to be cared for by our day care service.

### YES, I am interested to be a part of Assisi Hospice's team of volunteer doctors.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Year of graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

Current place of practice: \_\_\_\_\_ No. of years of practice: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact no.(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Areas of specialisation/interest to help:

Anesthesiology

Ear, Nose & Throat

Dentistry

Ophthalmology

Dermatology

Others (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

I am able to help:

Regularly on a weekly/monthly\* basis (\*please delete accordingly)

On an ad hoc basis

Others (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

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