

Hospice of Holland Announces New Associate Medical Director, Tod Wyn, MD

September 2012, Hospice of Holland welcomes a new face to its team of individuals caring for end-of-life patients in West Michigan. Tod Wyn, MD, currently of West Michigan, has accepted the position of Associate Medical Director working in tandem with Hospice of Holland's current Medical Director, Roger Phillips, MD.

Dr. Wyn served 16 years as an emergency room physician at Hackley Hospital in Muskegon, Michigan. Dr. Wyn was a full partner and a Vice President of West Michigan Emergency Services, the provider of ER physicians for Hackley Hospital. In addition Dr Wyn was active on various committees in the hospital, including the Code Blue Committee and chairman of the Stroke Team Committee. Dr. Wyn recently completed a fellowship in Palliative Care Medicine.

"We feel very fortunate to have found another physician who meets our criteria of providing a very high level of quality patient care and who also displays a passion for the specialty of hospice care," says Torrey Husmann, Executive Director of Hospice of Holland. *"There are not many board certified hospice and palliative care physicians out there. To have two of them on staff really is a privilege,"* Husmann says.

Hospice of Holland's decision to add another full-time board certified physician to the team stems from continued growth in the organization's patient population. *"Hospice of Holland has served over 8,900 individuals in Ottawa, Allegan, Kent and Van Buren counties since its inception over 31 years ago,"* says Denise Stancill, Director of Business Development. *"We feel now more than ever we are in a position to handle expected growth over the next several years."*

In addition to a full range of hospice services, Hospice of Holland offers counseling and bereavement services, volunteer support, inpatient and outpatient palliative care, and specialized disease specific care programs like "Still Me" and "Take Heart" designed for terminally ill patients who experience symptoms associated with difficult diseases like advanced dementia and congestive heart failure (CHF). Hospice of Holland's 18 bed licensed hospice residence offers a hospital level of care in a homelike setting for those in need of 24 hour specialized hospice care.

"Adding another physician is just the start of what we are doing in 2012 and beyond," says Stancill. *"Hospice of Holland is committed to meeting the needs of our patients and to serving our community with the best in end-of-life care possible."*