

**KING COUNTY PUBLIC HOSPITAL DISTRICT NO. 4**  
**END OF LIFE CARE**

**Purpose:**

To provide an appropriate continuum of care that includes end of life. The key components of end of life care is a patient-centered focus of compassionate care that is guided by a sense of respect, empathy and concern, that addresses the unique needs of patients and their families.

**Policy:**

King County Public Hospital District No. 4 complies with all state and federal laws regarding end of life care. Snoqualmie Valley Hospital respects each patient's right to accept or refuse medical treatment, including foregoing or withdrawing life-sustaining treatment or withholding resuscitative services.

Patients are involved in decisions about their care, treatment and services provided. The patient's wishes, as documented on the POLST or Advanced Directives, will be honored.

Snoqualmie Valley Hospital does not participate in the Washington State Death with Dignity Act, RCW 70.245.