Supportive care is the physical, emotional and psychological burdens of a life-changing diagnosis. At City of Hope, supportive care is tailored to each person. It allows patients to focus on getting well and what matters in their lives. Access to supportive care has been shown to:

- Increase patient satisfaction and quality of life — including at end of life
- Significantly reduce inpatient stays, hospital readmissions and intensive care unit stays
- Prevent complications
- Improve patient and family experience and outcomes
- Improve health equity for underserved communities

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The unmet need for supportive care is high and growing. Despite its proven benefits, supportive care is not widely available. Only a small percentage of patients in the country have access to comprehensive, evidence-based supportive care programs.

City of Hope is a national leader in supportive care medicine. Our efforts shape access to our evidence-based supportive care offerings and advocate for a national standard of practice for cancer care.

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