

Stupski Foundation Awards Palliative Care Grant to Chinese Hospital



Stupski Foundation awards Chinese Hospital a \$600,000, 3-year grant to expand the hospital's palliative care program to its outpatient clinics.

The current inpatient palliative care program at Chinese Hospital strives to enhance the quality of life, and reduce the suffering of patients and their families who are facing problems associated with life-threatening illnesses. The team at Chinese Hospital consists of hospitalists, nurses, pharmacists, clinical social workers, certified diabetes educators, and hospital leaders.

The Stupski Foundation grant will enable Chinese Hospital to initiate an outpatient palliative care program at its clinics. The palliative care team will provide comprehensive care to patients who suffer from serious illnesses such as cancer, dementia or kidney failure, and also their families.

"In addition to our inpatient palliative care program, with this grant we will be able to add an outpatient program in our hospital and clinics," said Dr. Jian Zhang, Chinese Hospital CEO. "Our goal is to provide language and culturally appropriate palliative care programs to San Francisco's Chinese community. We strive to enhance the quality of life and reduce the suffering of patients and their families facing the problems associated with serious illness."

"This is our first big step in spending down all our assets, and we hope it can begin to transform how people experience end of life care in the Bay Area," said Dan Tuttle, director of health with the Stupski Foundation. "We are grateful to have worked closely with leaders at each site to scope these grants together, building on the work they have done to date. Having their voices and experience shape this grant portfolio has been educational and humbling. We're eager to share what we learn from the ongoing partnership to encourage other regions to apply a similar strategy."

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