



What is Perinatal Hospice and Palliative Care?

Physical and emotional support offered to parents who learn, through prenatal diagnosis, that their child has a life-limiting condition and do not want abortion.



How it Affect the Mother's Mental & Physical Health:

- > Parental responses to perinatal hospice are "overwhelmingly positive" (Calhoun & Hoeldtke 2000)
- > Parents report "a sense of gratitude and peace surrounding the brief life of their child" (Sumner 2001).

Opportunities it Provides for Physicians:

- > Honest discussion about the birth process and/or fetal condition.
- > Ability to help families emotionally cope with an adverse prenatal diagnosis.

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Sources available online at www.med.studentsforlife.org/perinatalhospice