



### A Proactive Citizen and Community Health Care Initiative

ChattCare is a "community paramedicine" program of the Chattahoochee Hills Fire Rescue Department to initiate proactive contact with "at risk" persons having emergent, terminal or age-related health conditions.

Co-directed by Dr. Chris Edens, Medical Director for the department, ChattCare has four basic objectives ...

1. Identify, contact and follow-up with "at risk" patients and/or specific residents to offer assistance
2. Provide regular monitoring of health conditions, vital signs, medication compliance and limited wound care
3. Interface with physicians to assist with coordination of further evaluation/care and transport, as required
4. Provide regular education and individual assessment opportunities in public venues



Citizens (only) may complete a "ChattCare medical profile" to register at-risk family members.

Qualified registrants might present with two or more of any of the following conditions ...



- Oxygen-dependent
- Diagnosis of high blood pressure
- LVAD cardiac support
- Non-ambulatory
- COPD
- Dialysis
- Recent surgery
- Congestive heart failure
- Recent amputation
- Bed-bound
- Advanced dementia
- Other potentially debilitating conditions

### We do have some limitations ...

- ChattCare (Fire Department) personnel cannot write prescriptions
- Expenses for medication, transportation and physician care are not managed within the ChattCare program and are the express responsibilities of the patient. ChattCare representatives cannot assist with matters related to healthcare insurance.
- Hospice care patients are not exempt but general care must remain the responsibility of the hospice care provider.