



## Editorial Note on Palliative Treatments

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### A Caring Attitude

A non-judgmental approach during which personality, intellect, ethnic origin, religion, or the other individual factors do not prejudice the delivery of optimal care.

### Consideration of Individuality

The practice of categorizing patients by their underlying disease, supported the similarity of the medical problems encountered, fails to acknowledge the psychosocial features and problems that make every patient a singular individual.

### Caregiver Support

Palliative care, whether reception or during a hospital, often succeeds or fails counting on the care and support provided for the caring relatives.

### Consent

Most patients want shared deciding although physicians tend to underestimate this. Having assessed what treatment is acceptable or inappropriate, this is often discussed with the patient. In most instances, adequately informed patients will accept the recommendations made if they need been explained in non-medical jargon.

### Choice of Site of Care

The patient and family got to be included in any discussion about the location of care. Patients with a terminal illness should be managed reception whenever possible though within the developed world few do so, most dying in hospitals.

### Communication

Good communication between all the health care professionals involved during a patient's care is important and is prime to several aspects of palliative care.

There's strong evidence that such communications are but optimal. Good communication with patients and families is additionally essential.

### Clinical Context: Appropriate Treatment

This is often where a team approach is important, each member of the team having the ability to ascertain different aspects of the patient are suffering, personality, and needs.

Additional suffering which will be caused by inappropriately active therapy or by lack of treatment.

When palliative care includes active therapy for the underlying disease, limits should be observed, appropriate to the patient's condition and prognosis and expressed wishes which can vary from those of the clinicians.

### Comprehensive Inter-Professional Care

A useful means of delivering this is often the Liverpool Care.

### Consistent Medical Aid

Consistent medical management requires that an overall plan of care be established, and frequently reviewed, for every patient. Many of the clinical problems are often anticipated and a few are often prevented by appropriate management. Patients and their families should be forewarned of likely problems, and contingency plans made to attenuate physical and emotional distress.

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