

The Role of Palliative Care in Patient's Recovering

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Editor Note

Palliative care is the study of specialized medical care for patients with serious illnesses. It is the study of approaches that provide relief from mental stress, pain, physical stress and serious illness, eventually improving the quality of life for both the patients and their family. Palliative care is a teamwork of physicians, nurses, and other health professionals which provides an extra layer of support. Palliative care can be provided in hospitals, or at patient's home and as community palliative care programs.

Journal of palliative care and medicine is an open access peer reviewed international journal, publishing articles with a wide range of discoveries and current developments in this field. The recently published articles of volume 6, issue 3 had focused on various dimensions of this topic.

Datta et al. studied the effects of optimum management and care among cancer patients and improved quality of life by using Warwick-Edinburgh Mental Well-being Scale (WEMWBS). They concluded that early Palliative care for the patients improves the quality of life [1]. Santos et al. estimated the number of cancer patients with palliative care needs and analyzed the morbidity and mortality profile of the cancer patients. They suggested that palliative care services should be considered as criteria for cancer treatment and they also concluded that further study in treatment of clinical complications of cancer patients as a parameter for developing palliative care services should be made [2]. Sitvast described a case regarding 'A Life beyond Cancer';

Zhuang had documented a peculiar case of usage of delirium at the end of life [3,4].

Neha et al. reviewed briefly about the challenges in palliative care of pediatric patients, while Hamilton discussed about the chemotherapy for the patients of advanced stage of cancer [5]. Kawashima suggested the process of Supporting Patients' decision making in the old age. Garden discussed about the impact of well-planned care for the patients of advanced dementia right from hospital admission till death in their preferred place of care [6].

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