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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Glossary Item
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	367325
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Health</a> , Recorded 13/05/2008
<b>Definition:</b>	Palliative care is an approach that improves the quality of life of patients and their families facing the problems associated with life-limiting illness, through the prevention and relief of suffering by means of early identification and impeccable assessment and treatment of pain and other problems, physical, psychosocial and spiritual.

## Source and reference attributes

<b>Submitting organisation:</b>	Palliative Care Intergovernmental Forum
<b>Origin:</b>	World Health Organization
<b>Reference documents:</b>	WHO 2002. National cancer control programmes: policies and managerial guidelines. 2nd edition. geneva: WHO.

## Relational attributes

<b>Metadata items which use this glossary item:</b>	<a href="#">Episode of community based palliative care</a> <a href="#">Health</a> , Recorded 13/05/2008
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