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| Definition: | 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. |

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| Source and reference attributes | |
| Submitting organisation: | Palliative Care Intergovernmental Forum |
| Origin: | World Health Organization |
| Reference documents: | WHO 2002. National cancer control programmes: policies and managerial guidelines. 2nd edition. geneva: WHO. |
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