

PALLIATIVE CARE

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Object of the article – palliative care, theme – achievement the best quality of life for incurable patients, material for comprehension – how to accept the perception of death as a natural process.

Most patients with the terminal illness with an unfavorable prognosis for life die suffering. All over the world there are the special establishments of palliative medicine for dying doomed patients. Its purpose is not a fight for prolongation of life, but achievement of the best quality of life and simultaneous perception of death as a natural process.

Palliative care may be delivered in hospice and home care setting or in hospitals. Palliative medicine utilizes a multidisciplinary approach to patient care, relying on input from physicians, pharmacists, nurses, chaplains, social workers, psychologists, and other allied health professional in formulating a plan of care to relieve suffering in all areas of a patient's life.

Conclusion – the goal of palliative care is not to cure, but to provide comfort and maintain the highest possible quality of life for incurable patients as long as life remains.