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Additional Resources:
- Framework for Ethical Decision Making During the Coronavirus Pandemic
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PALLIATIVE CARE

Introduction
Palliative care is an approach that focuses on improving the quality of life of patients and their families facing a life-limiting illness. It involves treating pain and other symptoms, addressing psychosocial and spiritual needs, and providing support to the patient and their family. Palliative care is not focused on curing the illness, but rather on providing relief from the distress caused by the illness and its treatment.

Background
Palliative care is a multidisciplinary approach that involves the collaboration of healthcare providers from various specialties, including medicine, nursing, pharmacy, social work, and psychology. It is designed to meet the needs of patients and their families throughout the course of the illness, from diagnosis to end of life.

General principles
1. All patients, regardless of age, diagnosis, or stage of the illness, should have access to palliative care.
2. Palliative care should be provided in a variety of settings, including hospitals, long-term care facilities, and the patient's home.
3. Palliative care services should be available on an as-needed basis, allowing patients to receive care at their own pace.
4. Palliative care should be provided in a way that respects the patient's cultural and personal values.
5. Palliative care should be provided in partnership with other healthcare providers, including primary care physicians.
6. Palliative care should be provided in a way that focuses on symptom management, including pain control.
7. Palliative care should be provided with the goal of improving the quality of life for patients and their families.

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