



Development and Impact of Palliative and End-of-Life Care Services

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Message from the Guest Editor

Dear Colleagues,

Palliative care (PC) is an active care process that seeks to optimize the quality-of-life experience of patients and their families by anticipating, managing, and preventing pain and other biopsychosocial needs.

The ongoing pandemic has highlighted the urgent need to integrate PC services across the existing health systems. Despite the critical role of PC/end-of-life care in relieving health-related suffering, its integration is faced with varied challenges, such as the lack of policies/guidelines and negative attitudes/perceptions of healthcare staff. Accordingly, this Special Issue provides a unique avenue for empirical and quality improvement studies on the following topics:

- Development and integration of PC/end-of-life care services;
- Impact/effects of PC/end-of-life care services on patients, their families, healthcare practitioners, and health systems;
- PC/end-of-life care quality improvement projects or strategies to improve the uptake of PC/end-of-life care services;
- PC/end-of-life care services in traditionally non-PC settings, such the emergency departments and intensive care units.





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