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Preventive Medicine and Palliative Care

Message from the Guest Editor

Emerging evidence shows the positive impact of palliative care for patients, families and/or caregivers, health care providers, and society at large. Despite several conceptual and operational developments over the past several decades, the medical specialty of palliative care continues to be associated with people who are imminently dying. More recently, the term “palliative approach to care” and its underlying philosophy are emerging. Introduced by the Canadian Hospice Palliative Care Association, a palliative approach to care makes certain aspects of palliative care available to clients and families at appropriate times throughout the illness trajectory. This shift in the terminology underscores the preventative role of this specialty. The purpose of this Special Issue on “Preventative Medicine and Palliative Care” is to highlight recent advances, challenges and solutions for palliative care provision and education, such as risk assessment models, program and policy development, and education for health care professionals and the public.

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