



Global Advances in End-of-Life Care

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Around the world, there is growing interest in the manner in which care is delivered to people at the end of life. This includes the ways in which it varies in different cultures and resource settings, the part played by health and social care services, the contribution of families and communities, and the role of civil society and third sector organisations. End-of-life care has begun to take on the hallmarks of a field in its own right, with a particular set of expertise and an emerging body of knowledge and theory. There are many complexities involved in the challenges of providing appropriate care at the end of life across so many unique circumstances and contexts. Therefore, how we die, what constitutes a ‘good death’, and the appropriate societal responses to the issue of delivering culturally relevant and sustainable forms of end-of-life care in different settings are not subjects of broad agreement. Rather, they can be seen as a ‘contested space’, where ideas, policies, practices and professions compete to define clear solutions.





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