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Nursing and Palliative Care

Message from the Guest Editors

Globally, as many as 100 million people are in need of, and may benefit from, palliative and hospice care across their disease trajectory and at the end of life. Nurses' responsibilities and duties to provide high-quality palliative care are internationally grounded in nurses' codes of ethics. This contributes to their recognized role in delivering holistic patient- and family-centered care. Technological innovations are now rapidly spreading and may promote advancements in nursing care and address palliative and hospice care research priorities identified by nursing associations and research agencies. In recent years, nurses have made significant contributions to palliative and hospice care for patients and their families. They are in pivotal positions that enable them to lead change towards implementing nursing interventions aimed at improving the assessment, diagnosis, and treatment of palliative care needs across diagnoses, disease trajectories, contexts of care, and models of nursing care.

Relevant palliative and hospice nursing research approaches and interventions need to be shared to stimulate a better high-quality, evidence-based palliative care practice.

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