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Palliative Care in Chronic Respiratory Failure

Message from the Guest Editor

Palliative care is still primarily focused on oncological conditions, where the main goal is to relieve pain and other symptoms while also improving quality of life. Chronic conditions, however, have only recently had their specific palliative care needs to be recognized, and it is usually the end-stage chronic disease which triggers the consideration of this type of care as a component of the management. Chronic respiratory failure is the common denominator of all chronic pulmonary diseases and can be considered an end-stage organ disease such as chronic heart failure, etc. Most commonly, it develops as a result of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) or interstitial lung diseases of various etiologies including, more recently, COVID-19. Palliative care in chronic respiratory failure could be another rather generic manner to consider this approach, instead of the more accepted disease-specific one. In chronic respiratory failure, palliative care can be applied in a more proactive way, i.e., as soon as it is diagnosed, or it can be applied at the end of life. I invite you to submit papers regarding this topic.

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