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Palliative care in Palestine

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Palliative care of the cancer pt. is a continuous process starts from day on through out the illness till the terminal the stages. The care goal of palliative care is to maintain the quality of life of the cancer.

This can be defined as a very important component if the total care of the oncology pt. when the situation of no effective therapy any more is reached, so it becomes very important to comfort the pt. in a holistic manner, physically, psychologically, spiritually and socially.

Physical comfort achieved through satisfying physical needs if pt. for his daily living. While socially can be comfortable by support, preparation and respect for pt. and family support, avoid neglecanse and empathy with the pt. can result in psycho-spiritual comfort.

Palliative care in Palestine is its primitive beginnings. The main obesities related to palliative care Palestinian cancer pt. are that there are no specialized people of canters to deal with this aspect of care. This gap

in care becomes very clear when we talk about symptoms control, which can be illustrated in four major categories.

First, the pain management of oncology pts. When faced by main factors which are the availability of pain control meds, staff low qualifications, legal restrictions, absence of surgical pain control procedures, and social stigma.

Second, wound care, where the absence of special contras and the lack of qualified staff and medical supplies are the main defects in this aspect.

Third feeding problems and its expensive medical parts and the expensive feeding materials are an aspect.

Finally, the psychosocial aspect of care is affected through the absence of specialized staff to support those pts. or their families and the lack of referral center.

To summarize, palliative care in an essential part of the care of an oncology pt. which needs much more attention support, education qualification and funding to be established in Palestine and help those large numbers of cancer pts. To maintain a quality of life which is comfortable .

*** Around 1800 cases, diagnosed each year by cancer.**