



## Objectives: Palliative Care

1. In patients with terminal illnesses including, but not limited to, cancer, end-stage heart disease and end-stage lung disease, use the principles of palliative care to address symptoms.
2. In patients requiring palliative care, ensure that community supports or agencies are enlisted depending on patient needs.
3. In patients approaching the end of life:
  - a. Identify the individual issues important to the patient, including physical, social, emotional and spiritual issues.
  - b. Attempt to address issues identified as important to the patient.
4. In patients with physical symptoms, manage them proactively via pharmacologic and non-pharmacologic measures.
5. In patients diagnosed with a terminal illness, identify and clarify wishes regarding end-of-life care.
6. In competent patients requesting “Medical Assistance in Dying” or “MAID”, provide resources for patient referral.

\*\* Mapped to the CFPC’s 105 priority topics: #73-Palliative Care