

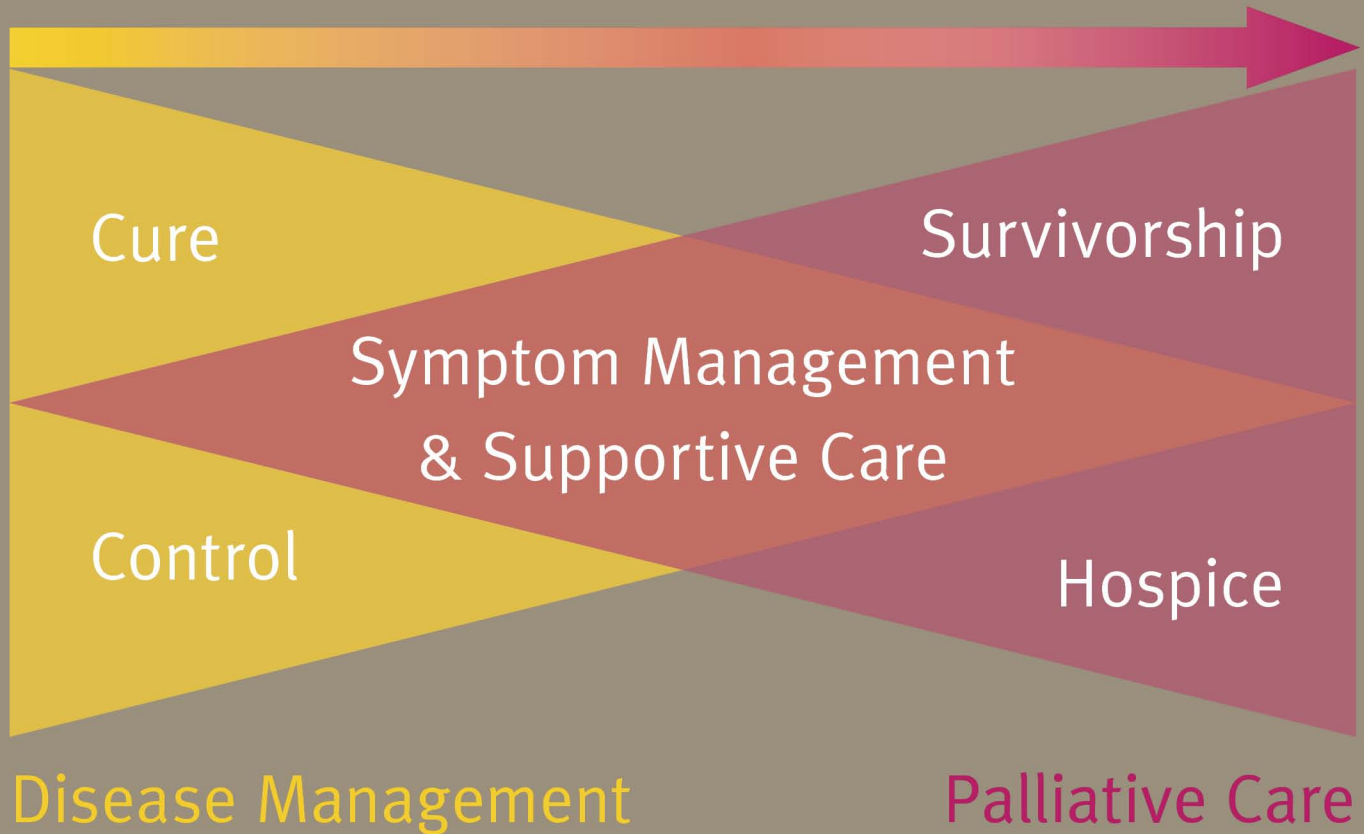
What should you know about: Palliative Care



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Palliative care:

- supports the best possible quality of life for the longest possible time
- can begin at the start of a serious illness and be given alongside treatment designed to combat the disease
- may extend life and provide better quality of life
- provides relief from pain and other symptoms
- often allows seriously ill patients to avoid trips to hospital and spend more time at home with loved ones
- **is available to ALL people with advanced serious illness**

Hospice:

- is a type of palliative care for people in the final months of life
- can improve quality of life and be an important source of care and comfort for patients and their families

Palliative care and hospice

Palliative care and hospice can be received at home, in the hospital, through an outpatient clinic and in other settings.

As part of a patient-centered approach, palliative care including hospice allows patients and loved ones to make plans that reflect their goals and preferences.