

PATCH program
Home palliative care
How to approach palliative care in the older patient

INTRODUCTION

There is a dichotomy in the teaching of palliative care, that is, that one is either getting curative care or palliative care. In reality, it is appropriate to gradually introduce palliative care in patients with advanced age or progressive conditions. This module will help learners sensitively negotiate between those two extremes with patients and families.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

At the end of this module, the student should be able to:

1. Understand who is appropriate for palliative care
2. Explain what palliative care is
 - a. Be able to explain home hospice
3. Prognosticate when palliative care might be appropriate
4. Give examples of how one might integrate palliative care while at the same time providing curative care.

WHAT YOU NEED TO COMPLETE THIS MODULE:

1. View the following slide show: <http://champ.bsd.uchicago.edu/PalliativeCare/index.html>
2. Complete [worksheet](#) on hospice

Be prepared to discuss your answers