

Palliative care is a relatively new concept and the role of the pharmacist within the palliative care team differs from country to country even though it is well established that the pharmacist plays a pivotal role. As pharmacists significantly contribute to palliative care, benchmarking of practice across different clinical settings and countries should be promoted to allow a consistent and equitable practice.

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THE MAIN PROBLEMS OF THE PALLIATIVE AND HOSPICE CARE IN UKRAINE

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Despite the significant progress in modern medical science, the number of terminally ill patients, disabled, and people with a limited life expectancy is increasing rapidly worldwide. All of them need in the professional care, adequate

treatment, and moral and psychological and spiritual support, i.e. simple human compassion and attention. That is why, under present-day conditions, it is extremely important to create and develop a system of specialty palliative care for the population. Palliative care is a set of medical and social measures to aimed at providing a terminally ill person with worthy conditions living and dying. Such help allows to reduce patient's the physical suffering and pain, to provide a quality life during the term that remained, as well as to psychologically support the person and his relatives. Palliative care needs for people suffering from cardiovascular disease, cancer, AIDS, etc.

Palliative care in Ukraine is still in its infancy. According to various researches more than half a million people with incurable diseases need palliative and hospice care in Ukraine every year, Because of the lack of professional care, moral and psychological support, such people die at home alone, to the last suffering from pain, depression and other symptoms of diseases. but only a small part of them to receive it. Because of the lack of professional care, moral and psychological support, such people die at home alone, to the last suffering from pain, depression and other symptoms of diseases.

The development of the palliative care in Ukraine is characterized by a number of problems, which leads to the ineffective provision of services for the patients and does not allow to satisfy their needs completely. So, there are no the law about the provision of the palliative care, standards for its provision and the National Strategy for the Development of Palliative and Hospice Care in Ukraine. As a result, the status of a palliative patient, the status of departments providing palliative and hospice care, the conditions of financial, economic, organizational support and the volumes of such care cannot be determined.

Ukrainian Hospices, centers and departments to advance palliative care cannot coverage the entire population who needs in appropriate care and services, and palliative care at home are practically absent in most regions of the country. This indicates a limited access of patients to the palliative care what they need, especially in remote cities and villages.

Another problem is the training of professional personnel who provide the necessary care to patients, because there is no specialty “Palliative and hospice medicine” in higher educational institutions of the Ukraine. The practice of providing palliative care creates some moral problems, one of the which is the “burnout” of medical personnel. This is the state of emotional and physical exhaustions of the medical personnel, who engaged in medical attendance of the dying patients. The basic stress factors are usually experience of inevitable loss of those whom much attention is paid to, emotional and physical forces are given. The feeling of professional failure, memory about conflicts often happening in such situations etc., are associated with it.

Also there are not statistical and report form of registration of the palliative patients and the amount of palliative care provided to them in Ukraine. Therefore, it is not possible to get reliable and real data about needs in the palliative care, to plan resources, finances, personnel for its proper provision.

Thus, the decision of these problems will create an effective and available system of the palliative and hospice care in Ukraine for all categories of the population in the near future.