



Comfort

Comfort Goals

Definitions

Assisted suicide	To assist another to take his or her life by providing the means to accomplish his or her death; e.g., a loaded gun or a type and quantity of prescription medication that will result in death.
Attitudes	A mental position with regard to a fact or state; a feeling or emotion toward a fact or state; an organismic state of readiness to respond in a characteristic way to a stimulus (as an object, concept, or situation).
Barriers	Issues inhibiting agreement regarding the meaning of events. Any thing that prevents passage of persons, things, ideas or social interactions barriers (internal or external-patient's and health care professional's).
Beliefs	A state or habit of mind in which trust or confidence is placed in some person or thing; something believed; especially, a tenet or body of tenets held by a group; conviction of the truth of some statement or the reality of some being or phenomenon especially when based on examination of evidence.
Comfort	Emphasizing physical and psychological support or relief throughout the patient's end of life.
Cure	Treatment of disease or illness with the intent to overcome it.
Illness and disease trajectories	Sudden, unexpected death -- Less than 10% of the American population die suddenly from a myocardial infarction, accident, homicide or another, unexpected event. -Chronic, steady -- a lengthy life-threatening illness, usually with a highly predictable steady course ending with a shorter "terminal" phase which results in death (most frequently cancer). -Chronic, intermittent -- an illness characterized by a slow decline interrupted by crises (congestive heart failure or emphysema).
Palliative care	Care designed to relieve or reduce intensity of uncomfortable symptoms but not to produce a cure.

PAS	Physician-assisted suicide: a patient requests assistance from his or her doctor to commit suicide.
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Value	A principle, standard, or quality considered worthwhile or desirable.
Voluntary euthanasia	The act of painlessly killing another person at that person's request or with the person's informed consent.