

# Terminal care

**Symptomatic treatment** reduces and eliminates the symptoms of cancer.

- It must be complex.
- Pain relief has a dominant importance.

As the disease progresses, symptomatic treatment passes smoothly into terminal care, in which also includes nursing care and mental health care (in addition to symptomatic therapy).

- Ordinary inpatient departments are usually unable to provide this, which is why special asylum facilities are being set up, where a dignified dying is ensured – **a hospice**.
- Hospices are specialized programs that aim to provide care to the patient at a time when neither curative nor palliative therapy is possible.
- It allows you to live the rest of life with dignity, without unnecessary suffering.
- Hospices are either in separate buildings or operate in the form of home comprehensive hospice care (the patient is at home, but is cared for by a healthcare professional).

## Links

### External

- End-of-life decision-making from the nurse's point of view - interactive algorithm + test (<https://www.akutne.cz/index.php?pg=vyukove-materialy--rozhodovaci-algoritmy&tid=339/>)

### Source

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