

Call for Papers

Special Issue: Palliative Care in Asia

Background

Many Asian patients are still dying without the benefits of palliative and end-of-life care. Although Palliative and End-of-life care is a relatively new specialty in Health care, some Asian countries like Japan, Korea, Singapore and China, generally with support from their government, have integrated and organized the delivery of palliative care into their health care systems. Yet, many other Asian countries, especially in the Southeast Asia region, have poor or non-existent provisions for the care of the dying and their families. In addition, there is still some confusion in the terminologies: what is palliative care and what is hospice? Often, this misunderstanding prevents early patient referral and engagement in both palliative care and hospice programs.

Thus, as health care providers, it is imperative for us to help each other in developing and providing optimal palliative and end-of-life/hospice care to our patients and their families, through collaboration and sharing.

Aim

The primary aim of this special journal issue is to provide a forum for experts and interested others to share experiences in developing and providing palliative and end-of-life care. It also serves as a challenge for collaboration and support for one another as we try to improve palliative and end-of-life care in the region.

Potential topics include but are not limited to:

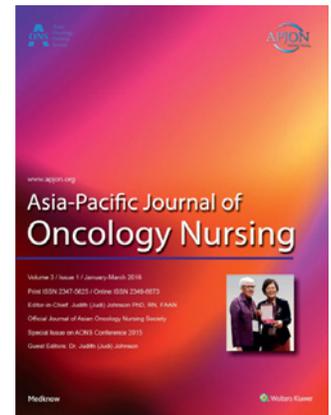
- Development and current practices of palliative and end-of-life care delivery in a respective country
- Barriers, challenges and solutions in developing and providing palliative and end-of-life care
- Influence of culture in palliative and end-of life- care in Asia
- Research on symptom management
- Governmental and non-governmental support to advance palliative and end-of-life care
- Professional and patient/family experiences especially on providing and preserving dignity at the end of life

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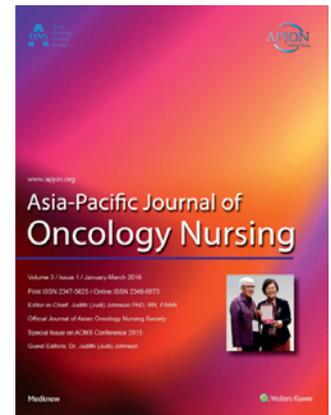
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