



Palliative
Care



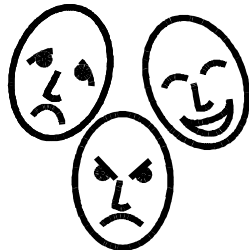
Palliative care supports
the whole person.



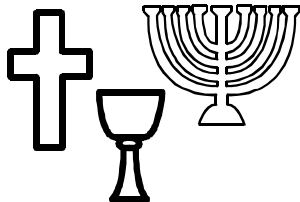
It helps support your:



Pain management.



Feelings and emotions.



Spiritual needs.

Palliative Care Guidance Notes for Health Professionals

Pain and symptom control are an important part of the care of cancer patients. This aspect of treatment is called *Palliative Care*.

Health professionals who specialise in this area will be able to give the patient, and their family or carer's, advice and guidance on pain and other symptoms, emotional support and their feelings surrounding cancer.

Hospice Care

Hospices specialise in the continuing care of cancer patients. They provide in-patient, out-patient and day care. Patients may be able to spend a few days in a hospice having their symptoms sorted out.

Community Care

Once the patient returns home they will be looked after by community based nurses with the support of the GP.

Spiritual Support

Some people find comfort in religion. It may help for them to talk to a hospital chaplain or their local minister.

If this is not the right support then talking to a counsellor or visiting a cancer support centre may help.