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ethical issues in palliative care often arise because of concerns about how much and what kind of care make sense for someone with a limited life expectancy there is often conflict between clinicians nurses other health care team members patients and family members about what constitutes appropriate care particularly as patients approach palliative care is an approach that improves the quality of life of patients adults and children and their families who are facing problems associated with life threatening illness it prevents and relieves suffering through the early identification correct assessment and treatment of pain and other problems whether physical psychosocial what this paper adds this systematic review identified ethical challenges in six themes application of ethical principles delivering clinical care working with families engaging with institutional structures and values navigating societal values and expectations and the philosophy of palliative care the identified barriers were cultural social and organizational barriers lack of resources equipment and financing attitudes and cultures barriers related to the patient and the patient s family related barriers providers time and money education communication challenges policies insurance problems safety and crisis management palliative and hospice care aims to improve quality of life of patients relatives but still little is known about their specific problems and needs we present a comprehensive literature update share frequently asked questions about palliative care planning for care during a serious illness can be challenging palliative care is an option that can help patients and their families to learn more explore answers to frequently asked questions about palliative care below what is palliative care palliative care improves the quality of life for patients with a life threatening illness and for their families it aims to relieve suffering by identifying assessing and treating pain and palliative care is a resource for anyone living with a serious illness such as heart failure chronic obstructive pulmonary disease cancer dementia parkinson s disease and many others palliative care can be helpful at any stage of illness and is best provided soon after a person is diagnosed life limiting conditions are mentally taxing potentially exacerbating or inciting symptoms of anxiety depression and trauma this time is the nexus of so many important psychological issues said brian carpenter phd a professor of psychological and brain sciences and aging researcher at washington university in st louis the uk is considered a world leader in palliative and end of life care provision and research and has influenced end of life care around the world 2 however in the uk and all the more advanced countries there is evidence of shortfalls highlighting the challenges facing all countries 3 palliative care is a high priority for the uk national in this review the nci framework has been 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