LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of the chapter, the reader will be able to:

1. Discuss the concept of palliative care and hospice.
2. Differentiate between palliative care and hospice care.
3. Identify common symptoms experienced by patients with advanced illness.
4. Recommend specific nonpharmacologic palliative treatment measures for various symptoms.
5. Select or recommend medication options for specific palliative symptom management.
6. Discuss various pharmacologic interventions for common symptoms.
7. Define treatment measures in the last hours of life.