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Over the past decade, substantial progress has been made in building the evidence base for integrating palliative care with cancer care and increasing the availability of palliative care services for patients with cancer. Multiple clinical trials have evaluated proactive care models in which patients begin to receive palliative care services on the basis of an initial diagnosis of advanced cancer or disease progression. The goal of these delivery models is to improve patients' experiences and outcomes throughout their illness course rather than to wait to involve palliative care until they are struggling with uncontrolled symptoms. [Read more »](#)

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