

## PALLIATIVE MEDICINE

At the University of Maryland School of Medicine, we are deeply committed to providing compassionate care to patients with serious and advanced illnesses, particularly in the realm of Palliative Medicine.

Palliative Medicine is a specialized approach to healthcare that focuses on improving the quality of life for individuals facing serious illnesses. It provides comprehensive support to patients and their families by addressing physical, emotional, and spiritual needs while managing symptoms and alleviating pain.

Palliative Medicine aims to enhance comfort, dignity, and well-being throughout the journey of illness, we do this concurrently with disease modifying treatment or when curative treatments may no longer be the primary focus. It emphasizes open communication, shared decision-making, and a holistic approach that considers the individual's values, goals, and preferences, ultimately aiming to optimize their quality of life and promote a sense of peace and well-being.

*These efforts require substantial financial resources to ensure comprehensive and specialized care is accessible to all who need it.*

## PATIENT CARE, EDUCATION, AND RESEARCH

- With unwavering empathy, our mission is to **enhance clinical care** for patients facing serious illnesses. By actively listening and addressing their physical, emotional, and spiritual well-being, our specialized palliative care alleviates suffering, inspires hope, and ensures patients and their families feel truly heard. Through personalized support, we empower patients to navigate their journey with resilience. Our ultimate goal is to deliver exceptional care, fostering peace, dignity, and compassion for every patient.
- Our key education initiative is a seed fund for our Palliative Medicine Fellowship, empowering aspiring physician specialists in training that emphasizes the importance of empathy. This fund cultivates compassionate healthcare professionals dedicated to providing exceptional care for patients with serious illnesses. Investing in this fund enables fellows to access **educational opportunities**, mentorship, and immersive learning experiences, fostering their growth as leaders in the field of palliative medicine.
- With relentless dedication, we are focused on pioneering research in cancer and symptoms management including pain. This pursuit aims to advance our understanding, develop highly effective interventions, and improve patients reported outcomes. By supporting our **research endeavors**, we empower our faculty to explore new treatment avenues and innovative approaches to symptoms management, instilling hope and providing much-needed relief to countless individuals and families affected by these debilitating conditions.

*We appreciate your consideration and potential support of our palliative care fellowship, advanced illness care, and pain management initiatives. Together, we can make a significant impact on the lives of individuals facing serious illnesses and contribute to the advancement of palliative medicine, advanced illness care, pain, and symptoms management.*

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO LEARN HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT THIS NEEDED WORK PLEASE CONTACT:

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