



Managing Dying Residents

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Abstract

About the book: In our society, the overwhelming majority of people die in later life. They typically die slowly of multiple co-existing problems over long periods of time. They spend the majority of their final years at home, in hospitals or care homes. This book explores the possibilities for improving the care of older people dying in residential care settings. It argues that there are aspects of palliative care that, given the right circumstances, are transferable to residential care settings that are not domestic or hospice based.

End of Life in Care Homes describes what happens in nursing and residential care homes when a resident is dying and the practical, health and emotional challenges that carers face on top of their day-to-day work. Based on data from both the UK and US, the book shows how the situation can be improved. It is written for care home staff of all levels as well as for health care practitioners, general practitioners, Macmillan nurses and other health care professionals who come into contact with dying residents. All will find this book of great value. Geriatricians, policy makers and administrators of residential care and nursing homes will find it a useful resource.

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