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Stepped Palliative Care

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A form of palliative care where all patients receive care for their condition, but with a minimum of required contact with specialty trained clinician and more intensive treatment reserved for those who do not benefit sufficiently from the less intensive treatments. A key element of this model is that patients must be monitored systematically and "stepped up" to more intensive treatment if the minimal level of care does not achieve sufficient health gains.