Deutsche Gesellschaft für Palliativmedizin – Focussing on patients and families
It's not that I'm afraid to die, I just don't want to be there when it happens.

Woody Allen

Palliative care focusses on the optimum treatment and support of the critically ill and the dying as well as their relatives.

The Deutsche Gesellschaft für Palliativmedizin (DGP), the German association for palliative medicine, stands for interdisciplinary and multi-professional networking. 5,500 members from the fields of medicine, nursing and further professional groups are working together closely.

It is their common goal to ensure symptom relief and the improvement of quality of life in case of critical illness – wherever it is required.

We cannot take away the fear of dying, but we can support people „to be there when it happens“.

www.wegweiser-hospiz-palliativmedizin.de
More than 3,000 offers of hospice and palliative care from the whole country are registered and easily to find in our online portal of hospice and palliative care in Germany. Since the relaunch in 2015 there were more than 100,000 clicks, which indicate the demand for regional contacts.

www.hospiz-palliativ-register.de
Valid data can be a key to the further development of hospice and palliative care. Within 15 years of preparation, a National Register of Hospice and Palliative Care was developed. Data sets from institutions can be collected and evaluated centrally.

www.charta-zur-betreuung-sterbender.de
The Charter for the Care of the critically ill and the Dying in Germany was launched in 2010. Since then it was signed by almost 18,000 individuals and organisations. The Recommendations for Action, which were published in 2016, focus on the improvement of the critically ill’s and dying’s situation.

www.leitlinienprogramm-onkologie.de/Palliativmedizin.80.0.html
The Evidenced-based Guideline for Palliative care for patients with incurable cancer was published under the lead of the German Association for Palliative Medicine within the Guidelines Programme of the Association of the Scientific Medical Societies in Germany, the German Cancer Aid and the German Cancer Society.

>> BEING THERE
The DGP introduces itself!

>> POINTING THE WAY
Projects of the DGP

WEGWEISER Hospiz- und Palliativversorgung Deutschland

CHARTA zur Betreuung schwerverletzter und sterbender Menschen in Deutschland

NATIONALES HOSPIZ- UND PALLIATIVregister

S3-Leitlinie Palliativmedizin
Inpatient hospices
If it is no longer possible at home
Inpatient hospices are independent facilities to provide holistic care. Full-time professionals and voluntary workers cooperate closely.

Palliative care units
Relief of severe symptoms
In a palliative care unit, critically ill with complex symptoms can be treated by a multi-professional team. Around 15 percent of the hospitals in Germany have got a palliative care unit.

Outpatient hospice services
Support from volunteers at home
Volunteer hospice teams help the critically ill to spend the last time of their lives at home. They give advise, work together with physicians and nursing services and provide support for the family after the death of their relative.

Specialized outpatient palliative care teams
Seven days a week and 24 hours a day available
In Germany the legal claim of specialised outpatient palliative care exists since 2007. It can be made use of at home, in inpatient nursing facilities and in hospices. Specialised outpatient palliative care teams are available seven days a week and 24 hours a day.

Inpatient palliative care services
Early advice and co-treatment
A specialised team provides palliative care for inpatients in hospitals beyond palliative care units. This includes early palliative consultation as well as supplementary co-treatment in case of complex symptoms and needs.

Every person has the right to die in dignity.
Help us to improve the conditions.

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