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Palliative medicine in surgery: The palliative medicine at the end of life


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The palliative medicine promotes its appropriate use respect to the will and dignity of the patient. It should be applied by a multidisciplinary team, who accompany the patient throughout the progression of their condition, strengthening doctors and health team's relationship with the patients and their families. The present presentation will describe and reflect the ethical and legal bases of palliative medicine: The concepts of palliative medicine, the patient-health team relationship and the right of the patients to receive palliative care, its application in surgery, the criterion defining the terminally ill, proportionate and disproportionate measures, drugs and procedures used, personnel to administrate it and for how long and how to avoid therapeutics obstinacy, will be reviewed, where it supports the palliative medicine at the end of the life.

Speaker Biography

Hilda Romero-Zepeda is one of the academic collaborators to establish the Three Nations Consortium Mex-USA-Can (2006-2011) on Bioethics and Public Policy for Science, and the Three Nation's Consortium for the Caribbean Research Ethics Education Initiative CREEI (2013-2018) between Clarkson University (USA), Saint George University (Grenada) and Universidad Autónoma de Querétaro (Mexico). Her interests of research have allowed her to establish and execute different intervention programs on chronic degenerative diseases and public health programs for both urban and rural indigenous communities, and its participation in processes of mainstreaming institutional curriculum for the equity of gender and eradication of violence towards vulnerable groups. Nowadays, she is working on intervention programs for community development and sustainability but from the ethics perspective for technology and biotechnology transferences to indigenous and marginal rural communities. She coordinates the Master's Degree Program on Applied Ethics and Bioethics, interdisciplinary studies in Applied Ethics and Bioethics. She is the Co-Organizer and Speaker at the International Certificate in Applied Ethics and Bioethics (2007-2016) and for the International Diplomado CREEI. She is the compiler in five interdisciplinary research and applied ethics books, co-author in 14 chapters of books, 8 indexed articles by invitation; Director or 11 joint Bachelor's, Master's and Doctoral thesis Advisor; 6 projects of research and bonding in joint in health public, development sustainable, bioethics and gender.

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