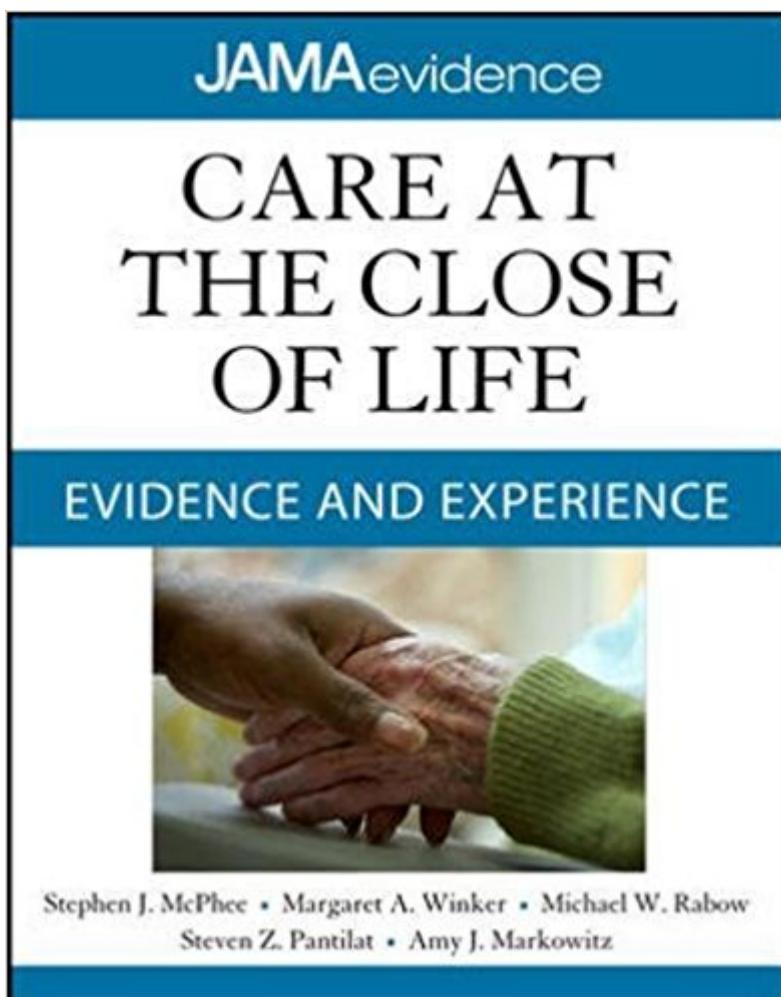


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Synopsis

From one of the world's leading medical journals comes the definitive evidence-based, full-color guide to end-of-life and palliative care "...represents an important milestone in the evolution of care for people with advanced disease—for which its editors and authors and JAMA should be rightly proud. It is wonderful that JAMA had the foresight to publish a series on this topic, which, as medicine has become more technologically advanced and subspecialized, is often overlooked and, sometimes worse, avoided....this book will be invaluable for front-line clinicians, and indeed all health care practitioners—as care at the close of life is a part of almost all of medicine's specialties and settings."--Irene J. Higginson, BMBS, PhD, FPPHM, FRCP; Dept. of Palliative Care, Policy, & Rehabilitation; Cicely Saunders Institute; King's College London (from the foreword) A new addition to the JAMAevidence series, *Care at the Close of Life: Evidence and Experience* offers evidence-based and clinical expert guidance on caring for patients with life-limiting illness, incorporating the words and perspectives of affected patients, their families, and treating clinicians. Organized by these actual clinical cases, the book is based on the acclaimed 7-year series of 42 articles, originally published in JAMA as "Perspectives on Care at the Close of Life," and now thoroughly updated as chapters and featuring extensive never-before-published material. *Care at the Close of Life* covers a wide range of clinical syndromes, disease processes, communication challenges, health-care delivery settings, and issues faced by patients, including withdrawal of dialysis and other life-sustaining measures, cross-cultural approaches, and the role of chemotherapy. Throughout the book, emphasis is on the principles of palliative care, with the patient and family at the center of care, and with attention given to all problems—physical, psychological, social, and spiritual. Reflecting this focus, each chapter begins with a patient case study to introduce the clinical problem, followed by "perspectives" that draw on extensive, real-world dialogue between clinicians, patients, and families. Internationally renowned authors then review the typical challenges illustrated by the case, offering state-of-the-art, evidence-based assessment and treatment approaches.

Features

- Fully revised and updated text with new evidence and references, including the search methodology for each chapter's update
- Evidence-based orientation presents the current state of knowledge in the care of terminally ill patients and support for their families and caregivers
- Practical clinical guidance and approaches from international experts in palliative care
- Self-assessment Q&A, for reinforcing your knowledge of each chapter's content and for preparing for exams
- A useful Glossary of acronyms, terms, and tests
- Updated Resources for each chapter offer current, authoritative sources of diagnostic and treatment information that can help you

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While you can find these articles scattered in JAMA, this collection is superbly presented -- and is actually well written. So much of the medical writing that I read is absolutely stultifying in its accuracy -- yawn. The topics and vignettes presented in this collection are great! I used this book to help prepare for my boards in Hospice and Palliative Care Medicine -- and still refer to it since my exam -- which says a lot (too many books are designed to help one pass an exam rather than provide the foundation for genuine learning). I also like the fact that this book contains stand-alone chapters -- much more like digestible short stories rather than a whole novel. This was important to me as I rarely have the luxury of reading for hour upon hour. Anyway -- kudos to JAMA for putting out this great collection of articles in a highly readable and organized form!

I ordered this book - the kindle one for mine and a hard copy one for my university library. First seen, I impressed in printing quality, nice colored drawing ,though the book size is not handy. I hope these will attractive readers even who novice in palliative care (esp. med students). About the contents, each article is unique harmonized evidence based and "perspective" from palliative medicien experts in north america. Even there are contributed with data and clinical reference, this book is not "quick cookbook guideline". Instead, each article has narrative that take time to digest. It useful in providing context for critical reader to apply in their own setting "close of life patient".

I'm an RN and this is the best book out for end of life care. Gave it to our daughter who is in Palliative care (MD)and she is using it to give to the Fellows she is teaching!

I now have a copy of Care at the Close of Life sitting by my bed as my preferred night time reading. It is richer than many volumes of fiction and poetry, but unlike imaginative literature consists of real narratives, with tools, analysis, references, board review-type questions, even vocabulary. I am convinced reading Care at the Close of Life has already contributed to my practice of the art of medicine, and will do so further. This book is essential reading for anyone who wants to teach or practice palliative medicine.

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