

Figure 19-1: Models for Allocation of Curative and Palliative Care Resources

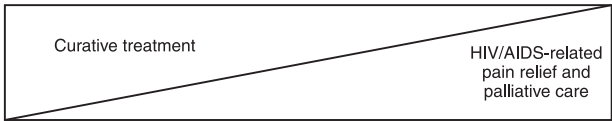


At time of diagnosis

Death

Model 1: Former Allocation of Healthcare Resources

In this model of care, all available resources are used exclusively for active disease-specific treatment, regardless of efficacy or concurrent needs, limiting patients' access to palliative therapy to the last days of life.

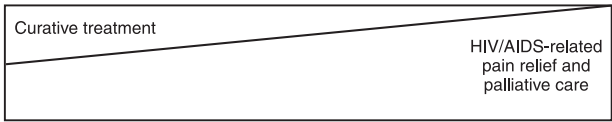


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Model 2: Proposed Allocation of Healthcare Resources in Developed Countries

In this model of care, a portion of healthcare resources is devoted to pain relief and palliative care beginning at initial diagnosis. The proportion of resources for palliative care increases as disease progresses and/or as needed.



At time of diagnosis

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Model 3: Proposed Allocation of Healthcare Resources in Developing Countries

In this model of care, a greater proportion of healthcare resources is devoted to palliative care as patients typically present with advanced disease and disease-specific therapies are often not available or appropriate.

Source: Adapted from World Health Organization. *Cancer Pain Relief and Palliative Care*. Technical Report Series No. 804. Geneva: WHO, 1990.