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# USING A PALLIATIVE CARE APPROACH IN CARING FOR PATIENTS WITH ADVANCED MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS (MS)

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This Educational Design Activity is co-provided by the International Organization of MS Nurses (IOMSN) and Nurse Practitioner Alternatives (NPA).

NPA is accredited as a provider of continuing nursing education by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

This activity is **awarded 1.5 contact hour (s)** of continuing nursing education for RNs and APNs; (none in the area of pharmacology).

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# LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Describe the model of palliative care and identify indicators for applying the palliative care model in nursing practice when caring for patients who have advanced multiple sclerosis.
- Describe frequent and distressing symptoms as well as possible interventions in those with advanced MS.
- Identify how resources, culture and spiritual practices may influence palliative care.