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

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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.