EPA GIM Nr. 6

1. **Title**	**Caring for patients with palliative / end-of-life conditions**
2. Description (Specifications and limitations)	Improving quality of life of patients and relatives facing challenges associated with life-threatening illness, whether physical, psychological, social, or spiritual. ***Setting:*** • Home, ambulatory, telemedicine (telephone, video) • Hospital, other institutions, nursing home ***Time frame:*** • from first contact with patients until effective control of symptoms, treatment, referral, or death • A defined period of care within a longitudinal follow-up (i.e. one encounter). ***Includes the following tasks:*** • Manage patients with palliative and/or end of life conditions • Manage palliative care emergencies • Manage withdrawal of life-sustaining therapies • Manage imminent death • Support patients and/or their families/relatives ***Excludes:*** *NA*
3. Potential risks in case of failure	Inadequate patient care, poor quality of life, feeling of being neglected or abandoned (including relative's distress)
4. Most relevant Competency Domains (emphasis)	• Communicator • Collaborator ○ Professional
5. Knowledge, Skills, Attitude: key aspects	***Knowledge and skills:*** • Recognizes semiology of palliative/end-of-life conditions • Applies appropriate assessment scales (pain, frailty…) • Lists principles of pharmacological and non-pharmaclogical approaches, for pain and non-pain symptoms • Develops and implements plans to provide comprehensive management for the full spectrum of pain and non-pain syndromes. • Manages acute conditions needing an immediate adaptation of the treatment plan • Communicates about goals of care and prognosis • Addresses medical uncertainty

	• Supports patients and/or their relatives in the psychosocial/spiritual/existential/cultural domains • Coordinates and facilitates transitions across the healthcare continuum (care location, human and financial resources, and care coordination) • Addresses requests for assisted suicide ***Attitudes:*** • Appreciates the importance of symptom management in diminishing suffering and improving quality of life • Favours collaboration and team work between health professionals • Demonstrates an empathetic, open, and receptive attitude towards patients and their relatives • Explores and supports patients and their relatives in developing plans that reflect their medical and non-medical needs and preferences • Demonstrates professionalism: respect, proactive involvement, integrity, reliability, collegiality • Demonstrates openness to feedback and opinion of others • Is aware of own limits and seeks help if needed
1. Information sources to assess progress	• Direct observation • Evalutation of work product (chart records etc) • Multisource feedback • Simulation training
6. Entrustment/ Supervision Level expected at the end of training:	Supervise others (Level 5)
7. Expiration date	NA

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