

Palliative Care or Palliative Medicine? Palliative Patient? Does Semantics Matter? A New Idea

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Palliative Care

The term "palliative care" has been in use for more than 40 years now. It was first introduced by the Canadian doctor Balfour Mount in 1973 [1], as he set up a hospital ward for care of the terminally ill. He named it palliative care ward – in other words a place where you are unable to cure the condition but try to improve the quality of life by means of relieving the suffering. The original idea was to call it "hospice", it however turned out to be already in use with the meaning of a nursing home for the poor and the destitute. So Mount coined a new term, however the activities that it signifies have been there for much longer under other, even if more descriptive, names. The American general practitioner and lecturer Alfred Worcester for example

