

Palliative care is a basic human right



Palliative care is key to health and human dignity and is a basic human right. Palliative care human rights are enshrined in the Constitution of Uganda, (articles 20, 21, 22, 24, 26, 27, 33, 34 and 41). As a health care worker, this means that you will:

1 Ensure ethical principles are adhered to

2 Ensure the patients' opinions are valued and respected

3 Ensure the patients' needs and fears are taken care of, including legal needs

4 Ensure a patient is not discriminated against because of their vulnerable state or symptoms such as pain, confusion, fatigue, and bad odour from wounds.

5 Ensure the patients' welfare and interests are observed and maintained