

SUPPORTIVE CARE

WHAT IS SUPPORTIVE CARE?

Pancreatic cancer and its treatment can bring on a variety of symptoms and side effects. Supportive care, also known as palliative care, is meant to relieve these. Supportive care should be provided at any stage of disease – from diagnosis throughout the patient’s life. It can accompany cancer-fighting treatments or be the focus of care. Supportive care guides families through decision-making to allow them to work toward their healthcare goals. It can be delivered anywhere – at home, in a hospital or nursing home, through outpatient care or in any other setting.

SUPPORTIVE CARE CAN HELP ADDRESS THINGS LIKE



Jaundice



Nausea



Diabetes



Fatigue



Bowel changes



Pain



Changes in taste/appetite



Hair loss



Skin/nail changes



Emotional concerns, including depression



Practical concerns

Seeing healthcare professionals who focus on symptom management and supportive (palliative) care improves outcomes and is critical for your quality of life. The Pancreatic Cancer Action Network strongly recommends that symptom management and supportive (palliative) care should be provided early in your diagnosis as well as during and after treatment.

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