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Palliative care is specifically for people with cancer. False



Palliative care is for anyone who is living with a serious, progressive disease and those living with frailty due to old age. Examples of a serious progressive disease include, Motor Neurone Disease, Parkinson's Disease, Multiple Sclerosis Disease, Alzheimer's Disease and Cancer.

Palliative care is also provided to support older people. Older people, typically 80+ years, are often living with multiple chronic illnesses such as Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) and Alzheimer's Disease. They often have a high degree of frailty and are living with disabilities or sensory impairment. Additional support, such as palliative care, addresses the needs of the whole person and those closest to them; support is designed to improve their quality of life.