

THE IMPORTANCE OF PALLIATIVE CARE IN PATIENTS WITH SEVERE AND CHRONIC FORMS OF TUBERCULOSIS

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ABSTRACT

Palliative care is an approach aimed at improving the quality of life of patients and their families who have problems with life-threatening illness. The aim of the study was to determine the need for palliative care in patients with severe and chronic forms of tuberculosis. This study involved 43 patients with severe or moderate TB. We used the HADS scale to help determine the level of anxiety and depression in patients, the Charlson scale to determine the degree of comorbidity in patients under long-term follow-up, and the Visual Analog Scale (VAS) to assess chronic pain. In summary, treatment of patients with severe and chronic forms of tuberculosis requires palliative care, including medical and psychological interventions.

KEYWORDS: *Palliative Care, Severe And Chronic Forms Of Tuberculosis, Patients, Scale.*

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