

Coding Form

Population	
Types of group	Patients with diseases, or conditions, family members, HCPs, health general people (students), other groups
Age	Young adult, middle-aged adults, old people
Gender	Female, male, non-binary, not reported
Region and country	
WHO region	Asia, Europe, North America, South America, Oceania, Antarctica;
Country	Specify: USA, China, UK, Australia, etc.
Settings	Hospital units, home, community, long term care facility/ assisted living facility/nursing home, hospice, clinic, university, setting not reported
Hospital units	ICU, palliative care unit, emergency department etc.
Theory application	Theoretical framework for interventions, instruments assessing comfort outcome; using both theoretical framework and instruments, other types of application
Study design	RCT, quasi-experimental, service description/observational study, systematic review, scoping review, integrative review, other matching design
Publication language	English, Chinese
Publication year	1991-2000, 2001-2010, 2011-2022
Interventions	
PIs	Opioids, surgery, etc.
NPIs	Physical NPIs (art therapies, health education programs etc.), Nutritional NPIs, Digital NPIs (m-health etc.), Elemental NPIs (minerals, botanicals etc.)
Comfort measures	Technical comfort measures (monitoring of vital signs, blood chemistries, administration of pain medications), Coaching (emotional support, reassurance, education, listening), Comfort food for the soul (massage, guided imagery, music therapy)
Outcomes	
Comfort	comfort
Comfort related variables	pain, anxiety, depression, stress, fatigue
Health seeking behaviors	external (healing, immune function), internal (self-care, rehabilitation), a peaceful death

Institutional integrity	satisfaction, successful discharges, length of stay, costs
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