

Home Hospice in Wielkopolska - single center experience

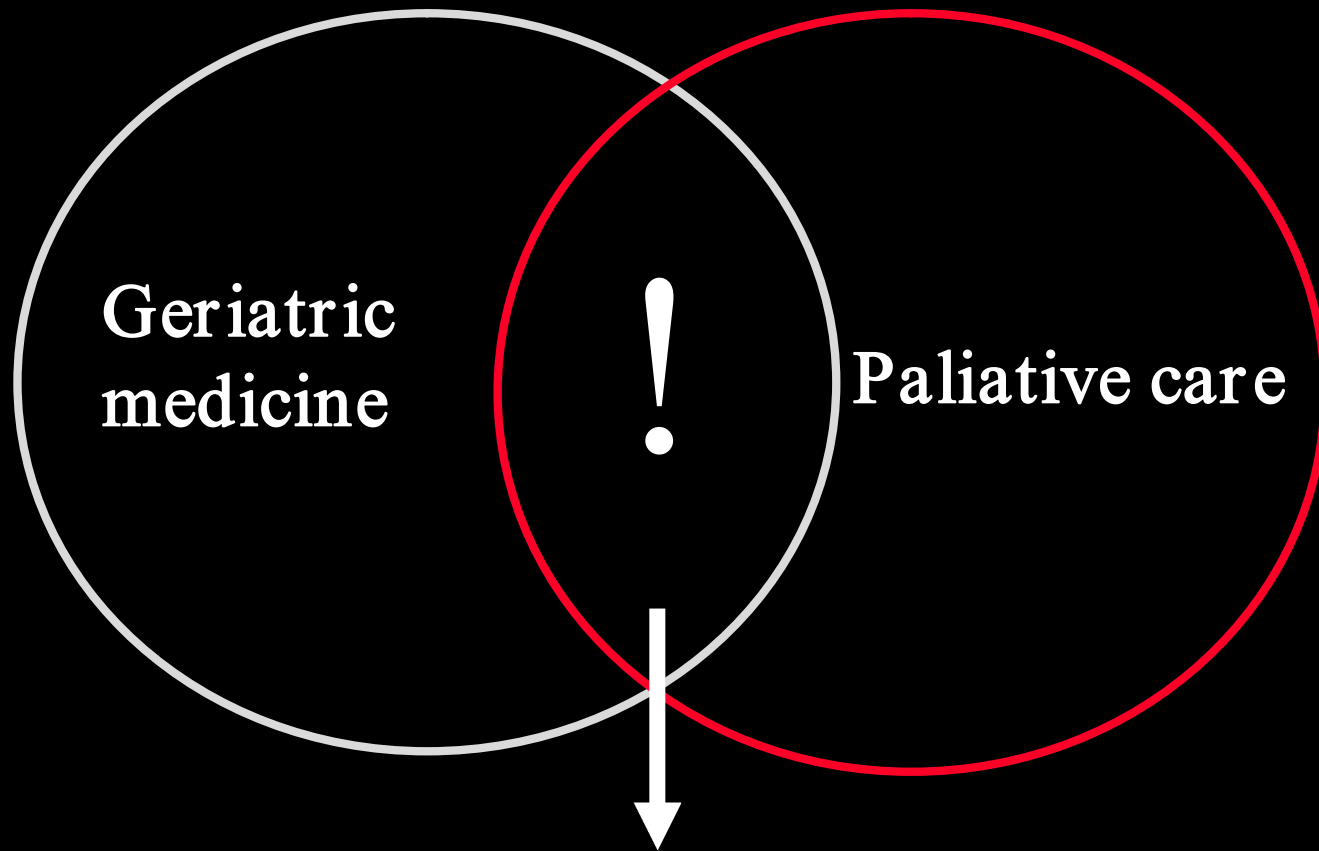
**Elderly patients  
in  
'Home Hospice'**

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Terminal care for elderly patients

**The aim of geriatric medicine**



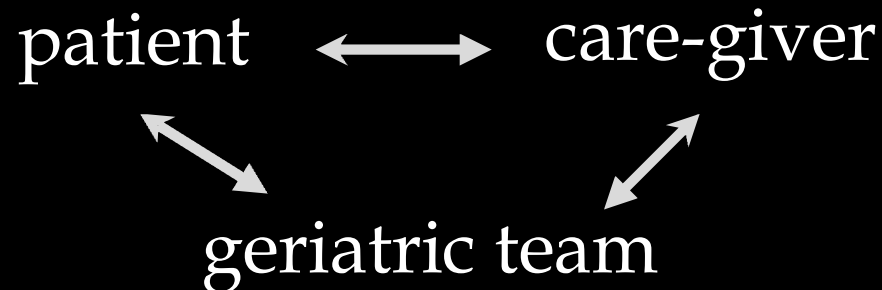
**The maintenance of maximal functional independence of the patient**

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**POLIPATHOLOGY, POLIPHARMACY**

# Geriatric assessment

- ◆ **physical examination**  
with special consideration of possible disability reasons  
(orthostatic hypotension, polipharmacy)
  - ◆ **screening for cognitive impairment - MMSE**
    - ◆ **screening for depression - GDS**
  - ◆ **function assessment - ADL scale, Barthel's index**
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# Geriatric team - wholistic approach

physician - clinical degree in geriatric medicine

nurses

social workers

psychologist

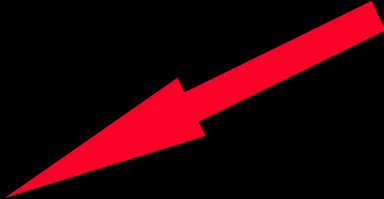
physioterapist

volunteers


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All team members work together with the patients and their caregivers to continue the patients' living in the community whenever possible or to upgrade them to a higher level of functioning

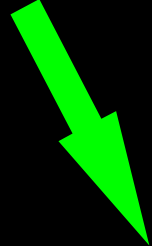
# Geriatric medicine - Outpatient Clinic



Subjects who enter  
the Clinic themselves  
or with care-givers



Home visited subjects who are independent  
in most activities of daily living  
but not able to leave their home, e.g. due to falls



"Home hospice"  
patients with severe functional disability  
measured with ADL scale or Barthel index  
(need assistance in basic activity of daily living)



Home visit team

## „Home Hospice“:

- somatic problems

careless pressure sources

chronic pain

bone fracture

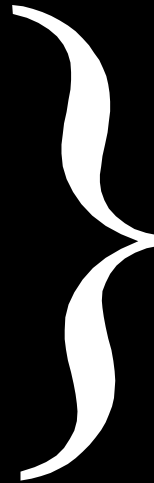
Urine & bowel incontinence

multiorgans failure

- psychiatric problems

agitation

severe depression and dementia



# Conclusion

Home Hospice as a part of geriatric service  
which provides a medical care for  
terminally ill elderly subjects