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Just under 2000 persons are diagnosed with cancer every year in Malta, with the figure expected to shoot up to over 2,100 by 2020. At present, Hospice Malta offers a wide range of services for terminally ill patients and their families, including day care and home care however no residential or inpatient palliative care is provided in the country to date. Our only oncology hospital on the island constitutes of 24 beds which falls short of demand and supply when this caters for the whole population of Malta. As a result of this a number of palliative clients find themselves on acute hospital wards which are not able to cater for their specific needs during this period. Simblija Care Home is a private nursing home in Malta which seeks to address the need of persons who need palliative care, including respite for their carers or end of life care. Within our model of care we adopt a holistic approach to both the individual and the respective family and the existent network of support. We hope to address physical needs, like pain control, and also to their psychological needs which often involves counselling services. Our services extend further and encompass spiritual assistance when requested. Different professionals are brought in the care cycles, as a occupational therapists and physiotherapists. In this way we assist the person to achieve better quality of life and their families.

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