The future of palliative care faces several challenges. These include:

1. **Study trends to partially calculate future**
2. **Recognition**
   - As a medical discipline
   - As a specialist field
   - Contribution of nursing, medical sciences, psychosocial, and public health (Caraceni, 2014)
3. **Cost**
   - Continually rising
   - Large percentage of country’s gross national product (GNP) spent on health care
   - Aging population increases costs
4. **Medical Professionals**
   - Difficulty finding qualified personnel
   - Same number of training programs (Boughton, 2009)
   - Insufficient to cover aging population
5. **Other** (Murray, Mason, & Donaldson, 2010)
   - Offering services at early stages of terminal disease
   - Addressing individual’s needs:
     - Physical
     - Psychological
     - Social
     - Spiritual
   - Proper environment available
   - Making end-of-life care available to all

The aging population increases costs and makes available the proper environment and end-of-life care for all.
