End-of-Life Decisions: Challenges and Opportunities for Clinicians
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Select References on Assessment, Counseling, and Interdisciplinary Teamwork in End-of-Life Situations

Because it is often difficult to separate articles into either assessment or counseling, these areas are combined in the lists below.

The following three sources will be referred to repeatedly in this presentation:


For assessment instrument suggestions see:


A. Overviews/Comprehensive Sources


The Task Force to Improve the Care of Terminally Ill Oregonians (Ed.) (1998). *The Oregon Death with Dignity Act: A guidebook for health care providers*. Portland, OR: Center for Ethics in Health Care, Oregon Health Sciences University.


### B. Diagnosable Disorders

#### 1. Clinical Anxiety Disorders


#### 2. Clinical Depression, Other Mood Disorders, and Hopelessness

Baile et al. (1993). See Section A.


Peruzzi et al. (1996). See Section A.


#### 3. Cognitive Impairment (Delirium, Dementia)


Peruzzi et al. (1996). See Section A.


Werth et al. (2000). See Section A.


4. Substance Abuse

C. Other Mental Health Issues

1. Autonomy/Control/Self-Determination

2. Dignity

3. Existential and Spiritual Beliefs
   Lo, B., Quill, T., & Tulsky, J. (1999). Discussing palliative care with patients. *Annals of Internal Medicine, 130*, 744-749.

4. Fear

5. Grief

6. Pain


7. Psychodynamic Issues


8. Quality of Life

Steinhauser, K. E., Christakis, N. A., Clipp, E. C., McNeilly, M., McIntyre, L., & Tulsky, J. A. (2000). Factors considered important at the end of life by patients, family, physicians, and other care providers. *Journal of the American Medical Association, 284*, 2476-2482.

D. Interpersonal and Environmental Issues

1. Being a Burden


Clinical References


2. Caregiver Issues


3. Cultural Factors


Lo, B., Quill, T., & Tulsky, J. (1999). Discussing palliative care with patients. *Annals of Internal Medicine, 130*, 744-749.


4. Financial Variables

Covinsky et al. (1994). See Section D1.


Emanuel et al. (2000). See Section D1.


E. Interdisciplinary Team


