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**Schwartz Center Rounds: Volume 1**  
**Objectives and Continuing Education Questions**

**A STAFF DIALOGUE ON CARING FOR AN INTENSELY SPIRITUAL PATIENT:  
PSYCHOSOCIAL ISSUES FACED BY PATIENTS, THEIR FAMILIES, AND CAREGIVERS**

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## MONOGRAPH OBJECTIVES

At the completion of this independent study, the participant will be able to:

1. Identify the issue of hype versus hope in reference to phase I clinical trials.
2. Discuss the importance of spirituality in facilitating optimal patient care.
3. Discuss the importance of the caregiver-patient relationship.
4. Assess what patients value in treatment.
5. Identify methods of supporting patients in the face of uncertainty.

## CE QUESTIONS

### 1. Deeply held religious conviction:

- a. Prevented what staff saw as rational decision-making.
- b. Prevents clear communication.
- c. Is incompatible with a scientific world view.
- d. Prevented staff from caring for the patient.
- e. A and D are true.

### 2. Communicating about sensitive issues:

- a. Is outside the realm of ordinary medical care.
- b. Is done poorly by staff.
- c. Can be learned.
- d. Can result in significant reduction in anxiety levels for both patients and staff.
- e. C and D are true.

### 3. Staff:

- a. Advocated discussing religion but not challenging faith.
- b. Felt justified in exploring the basis of a patient's beliefs when they appeared inconsistent with the reality of the situation.
- c. Accepted patients world view as valid.
- d. Have to be true to their own spiritual beliefs.
- e. All of the above are true.

### 4. Empathy:

- a. Requires that we feel the same thing as our patients.
- b. Is prevented when we are from different religious backgrounds.
- c. Is the human connection in a meaningful relationship.
- d. Significantly enhances the caregiver-patient relationship.
- e. C and D are correct.

### 5. "Nozho" is:

- a. Navajo magic.
- b. The belief that thought and speech have the power to shape future events.
- c. A Navajo herbal remedy.
- d. The belief that God will always give you what you want.
- e. The Navajo word for the "dream catcher" symbol.