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Schwartz Center Rounds: Volume 1 Objectives and Continuing Education Questions

A STAFF DIALOGUE ON CARING FOR A CANCER PATIENT WHO COMMITS SUICIDE: PSYCHOSOCIAL ISSUES FACED BY PATIENTS, THEIR FAMILIES, AND CAREGIVERS

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. Suicide:

- a. Rates have doubled in young men over the past two decades.
- b. Occurs by violent means approximately half the time.
- c. By violent means appears to be correlated with gun ownership.
- d. By firearms is most common in the U.S.
- e. All of the above are true.

2. Victor Frankl:

- a. Was a psychologist.
- b. Died in a concentration camp.
- c. Observed that humans survive despite atrocities.
- d. Reported that concentration camp victims who lost meaning succumbed to malnutrition and infection faster than those who retained a sense of purpose.
- e. Said, "You can't live without a sense of meaning or purpose."

3. Cancer patients' suicide rate is approximately:

- a. 4 times that of the general population.
- b. Twice that of the general population.
- c. Half that of the general population.
- d. 10% greater than that of the general population.
- e. 50% more than that of the general population.

4. Risk factors for suicide that are related to cancer include:

- a. Psychosis.
- b. Age.
- c. Suicidal ideation.
- d. Uncontrolled pain.
- e. Impulsive behavior.

5. Expressing feelings provoked by caring for cancer patients is legitimate and beneficial.

- a. True
- b. False