

End of life and psychologist's roles: perspective on palliative care

Abstract

Palliative Care was created to humanize the team assistance of the patients without therapeutical possibilities of cure of a specific disease. The psychologist works to facilitate patient's understanding about their present life condition, trying to comfort their anguishes and than assuaging emotional pain, by respecting time before the acceptance of life's limitation. This article is based on bibliographical research about the contributions of the psychological assistance to the patients without of therapeutical possibility of cure, presenting the keystones of Palliative Care and points to the importance of a psychology professional in this context. One concludes that, in the perspective of the Palliative Cares, care must be a priority opposing cure, seeing that one can not avoid the death when one has an irreversible diagnosis of a specific sicknesses.

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