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The general objective of this study was to find out the motivations (intrinsic and extrinsic) and motivation level of the cancer patients. This study used the mixed method approach. Ten cancer patients undergoing treatment, aged from thirty to sixty, were chosen through purposive sampling, interviewed and given the Motivation Scale. Based on the interview, the intrinsic motivation of the cancer patients included optimism, faith, self-determination, acceptance, self-generated goal, and personal challenge or combination of some; while extrinsic motivation were family, inspirational stories from cancer survivors and friends, or combination of some. Intrinsic motivation level was higher in most of the participants than their extrinsic motivation level. Generally, the

participants had very high motivational level which means that they were really eager to survive and pursue living, supporting the Human Motivation Theory of Abraham Maslow.



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