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ABSTRACT

The study dealt with the terminally-ill cancer patients specifically the approaches used on them by doctors and their respective family members. In addition, it also looked into the perceptions of patients toward the approaches imparted to them. The study involved ten cases wherein each case consisted of one doctor who treats cancer patient, a terminally-ill patient and one family member of the patient. There were three types of interview guides that were utilized in order to obtain the needed informations. The results showed that doctors tended to provide more physical/biological approach while family members are the ones who impart greater emotional/psychological support. Also it was reported that patients appreciated the approaches given by their respective doctor and family members.

