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Successful Communication Treatment of Dying Geriatric Patients : How Close are We?

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One of the most sensitive areas of medicine regarding the importance of good communication is the approach towards geriatric patients with a terminal illness and their family members, since death in our culture is „perhaps the greatest secret and horror. And when we don't think of her, she thinks of us.“ Therefore good communication skills are a precondition for efficient care and the patient's trust in the multidisciplinary health workers team who should facilitate the dying process. Although inefficient communication in most cases leads to professional mistakes, communication skills are insufficiently represented in the curricula of undergraduate and postgraduate medical studies. Based on this, this book will be a basis for the necessity of good communication skills learning, having in mind that lack of these skills is a frequent reason for avoiding communication treatment of patients with terminal illnesses. The dying process is an individual act and an inevitable and unique human experience. End-of-life communication treatment of geriatric patients is always personal and complex, due to the information exchange which induces the manifestation of heightened emotions in patients and their family members. Preparing for dying requires the presence of an educated health professional team, which will understand the patient's needs through their own words, attitude and actions using an empathic approach to the patient's pain, suffering and fears. Therefore, continuous improvement of the communication treatment quality remains a priority in the implementation of palliative care for terminally ill elderly people.



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- end-of-life communication and ethics
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- multidisciplinary health workers
- communication barriers
- emotional reactions
- communication of bad news
- palliative care

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