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Cancer Diagnosed Individuals: Palliative Care

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Cancer is a serious health problem all over the world, with high rates of mortality and morbidity, affecting the individual, the family, and society in every aspect. Patients, families and caregivers who are currently diagnosed and treated for cancer should receive evidence-based and quality care in psychosocial and supportive care. Cancer diagnosis is a stressful incident for patients. In order to overcome the emotional and social problems experienced by individuals, psychological support carries significant importance in the treatment of cancer patients. When the individual is diagnosed, caregivers, who are part of the treatment team during the treatment process and meeting the requirements, should use the psycho-social approaches in the patient and family assistance process to increase the patient's compliance with treatment.

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