Abstract Paper

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Abstract

Background

The management of death and dying is the most challenging task in Palliative Care. The psychological impact for the patient, care giver and healthcare worker is tremendous. Care does not end with death of the patient. Compassionate Bereavement care is a critical part of caring for the ill and dying. Unfortunately, bereavement care is often overlooked in health care. There are studies on bereavement follow up and the impact on family members. However, few studies are done to elicit the impact of bereavement follow up on healthcare workers. This study aims to document the process and effects of bereavement follow up done by healthcare workers in HCA Hospice Care. The Chang et. al. (2012) study on community palliative care nurses highlighted the value of bereavement support visits and identified professional development needs.

Methods

A questionnaire will be given to nurses, doctors and social workers in HCA Hospice Care. This consists of both quantitative and qualitative items addressing various features of bereavement services done by healthcare workers and their impact on the healthcare workers.

Results

Preliminary results will be presented at the conference.

Conclusion

The results of this study will help us to have a better understanding of the process of bereavement follow up so that that we can continue to enhance patient care in the long term.
References