

Suffering nursing assignment



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Despite many advances in modern medicine, many illnesses continue to have no cure (Calman, Cherny, Doyle & Hanks, 2004; Chiu & Mok, 2004). Chronic, progressive, and incurable illnesses are a major cause of disability, distress, suffering, and ultimately death in today's society (Adunsky & Aminoff, 2005; Calman et. al, 2004; Chiu & Mok, 2004; Rydahl-Hansen, 2005). The nurse-patient relationship is viewed as central to the practice of nursing; additionally, the nurses' role is considered vital in the care of a patient who is suffering (Arman & Rehnsfedlt, 2006; Cowles & Rodgers, 1997).

Spiritual care is believed to be one such component of a nurse's role as this, in many situations, can instil the patients' life with purpose, meaning and hope (Arman & Rehnsfedlt, 2006; Rydahl-Hansen, 2005). It can be therefore said that the concept of suffering has a direct relationship to individuals who experience chronic illness, disability or dying (Cann & Chochinov, 2005). Through information as outlined above, it is evident that suffering can be alleviated through the relationship with the patient's nurse and their caring relationship (Cann & Chochinov, 2005).

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