defining hope

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Objective
By the end of this video segment, viewers will be able to discuss difficulties that may arise when patient wishes seem more idealistic than realistic.

Summary
Ms. Stephenson’s health care team is working to develop a discharge plan so that she may go home. Despite her strong desire to return to life outside of the hospital and to resume her normal activities, she will require many services and support systems to be successful.

Patients Highlighted
Barbara Stephenson, 67-year-old woman with end stage renal cell cancer and Myasthenia gravis.

Discussion Points
Mrs. Stephenson says, “You have to believe in something.” When asked what she will do first when she gets home she quickly replies, “play golf.” She is quite weak, admits that she can’t walk well, and she has a number of medical devices attached to her.

Discussion Question 1
Reflect on Mrs. Stephenson’s statements about playing golf and returning to preaching when she gets home. What do you think prompts her to reach so high regarding her functional abilities?

Further Discussion/Points as Needed to Prompt Audience Interaction
Do you think she is being unrealistic? Idealistic? Or is she trying to aim high to be positive and to believe in something as she has previously stated?

Discussion Question 2
If you were the nurse caring for Mrs. Stephenson, how would you respond when she states that her goal is to play golf?
Further Discussion/Points as Needed to Prompt Audience Interaction
Would you validate her goals? Would you talk to her about safety? Would you fear that you would diminish her hope if you took a more realistic approach?

Suggested Applicability to Nursing Courses and/or to Care Settings
Courses: Palliative/Hospice Care; Mental Health Nursing; Home Health/Community Nursing; Medical/Surgical Nursing; and any course focused on communication, safety, discharge planning; spirituality and/or culture.
Care Settings: Orientation and/or in-service programs for health care providers in primary, acute, long term, hospice/palliative care, and/or home care settings.

Suggested Congruence with ELNEC© Modules
Palliative Nursing Care; Ethical Issues in Palliative Care Nursing; Cultural/Spiritual Considerations in End-of-Life Care; Communication; Loss, Grief, Bereavement.

Related Video Segment
#3: A Little Bit Makes the Biggest Difference.
Defining Hope is a one-hour, eighteen-minute film. This guide was developed to stimulate audience reflection, conversation, and interaction. This guide highlights 14 brief video segments so that viewers may watch single segments of the film focused on particular topics.

The individual video segments can be viewed for free at www.hope.film/study-guide-videos

Nurses can receive free contact hours for watching each video segment and completing the evaluation thanks to the generous support of Walden University. Walden University is accredited as a provider of continuing nursing education by the American Nurses Credentialing Center’s Commission on Accreditation. For more information visit www.hope.film/study-guide-videos

Each of the 14 segments is based on the following template:
Segment #1-14, Title, Length: Each segment is numbered, titled, and followed by the approximate length of run time in minutes for that segment.

Objective/s
A minimum of one learning objective is included for each video segment.

Summary
There is a brief overview of the segment followed by a description of the patient or nurse highlighted therein.

Discussion Points
Each summary is followed by a suggested “discussion point” that the speaker/educator may use to initiate conversation or to present more insight into that segment.

Discussion Question/s
Discussion points are followed by a minimum of two discussion questions designed to encourage reflection and discussion among audience members. Questions were developed to stimulate interaction; there are no “right” or “wrong” answers.

Further Discussion/Points as Needed to Prompt Audience Interaction
Discussion questions are followed by further discussion points in the event that the audience requires more prompting or encouragement to share ideas.

Suggested Applicability to Nursing Courses and/or to Care Settings
This section provides suggested courses (nursing or other), as well as other care settings where educators may find value by embedding particular video segments into curriculum to highlight a point.

Suggested Congruence with ELNEC© Modules
This section provides suggested End-of-Life Nursing Education Consortium (ELNEC)© modules where ELNEC© educators may find value by embedding particular segments into their curriculum. ELNEC© is a national education initiative to improve nursing education on end-of-life care. The project is administered by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing and City of Hope.

Related Segments
Some segments are related to others presented elsewhere in the film. This section provides the titles of any related video segments.

References
If materials or other sources were used within a section, a reference list is provided.

OBJECTIVES
By the end of this film, viewers will be able to:
1. Discuss key factors that affect patient and family decision making about end-of-life care.
2. Differentiate between hospice and palliative care.
3. Compare and contrast the terms sympathy and empathy.
4. Discuss internal conflicts that people may encounter when making decisions about whether to pursue aggressive treatment for life threatening illnesses.
5. Describe the role of the nurse in palliative care/hospice settings.
6. Discuss how family members play a significant role in decision making surrounding care choices.
ABOUT THIS GUIDE

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www.DyingInAmerica.org, an interview project that examines the dying experience through the eyes of nurses.

www.AmericanNurseProject.com, a multimedia initiative to elevate the voice of nurses in this country by capturing their personal stories through photography and film. A portion of all proceeds benefit a scholarship fund for nurse education through the American Nurses Foundation.

THE FILM

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