

ATI: Video Case Study Palliative and Hospice Care

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How can the nurse ensure that a client receiving palliative/hospice care is kept comfortable? What are some ways that the nurse could provide for the psychosocial and spiritual comfort of the client?

A nurse can ensure that clients receiving palliative/hospice care are comfortable by assisting them with daily living and promoting positive mental status. The nurse could talk to the patient, keep them updated on the world, and ensure that their room is neat and comfortable.

How can the nurse provide support for the family/loved ones of the dying client?

The nurse can support the dying client's family and loved ones by providing them with all the valuable resources they need for their loved one and being of service to them alongside the client.

What feelings occurred when interacting with a person with a life-limiting illness?

Feelings of hopelessness, despair, and feeling like a burden to others occur when interacting with a person with a life-limiting illness. The anxiety of the unknown is present without knowing what will happen tomorrow.

Were the feelings or emotions adequately handled?

Yes, the feelings and emotions were adequately handled. Family members surround their loved ones to fill in the gap in their feelings.

Was there adequate communication with the ill person?

Yes, there was adequate communication with the ill person. They were weak, of course, but could share their feelings about their situation.

How did the person with the life-limiting illness feel during their interactions?

During their interactions, the person with the life-limiting illness felt tired and just exhausted from being in their condition.

Could the interactions have been improved in any way? How?

Yes, the interaction could have been improved by reducing the stimuli, like having the grandkids visit for only a little time when they do visit. This would allow the client to have more of a sense of peace and clarity of thought when interacting.