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Caring for the Dying Patient – Printed Test Page 1

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1. _____ Effective care for dying patients usually involves a clinical team because:
 - A) No one caregiver is available 24 hours a day
 - B) Comprehensive and reliable care requires the skills and perspectives of several disciplines
 - C) Hospice teams anticipate potential problems and make appropriate arrangements
 - D) All of the above

2. _____ Patients ill enough to require hospice may:
 - A) Require assistance with daily activities
 - B) Be completely dependent
 - C) Need help from home health aides and volunteers
 - D) All the above

3. _____ Legal and ethical concerns are important and health care practitioners should:
 - A) Use knowledge to help them ensure that the family's wishes are more important than the patient's wishes
 - B) Know procedures for cooking the patient's favorite meals
 - C) Know local laws and institutional policy governing living wills and durable powers of attorney
 - D) All the above

4. _____ Factors about pain control include:
 - A) Long-acting opioids are best for long-lasting pain
 - B) Patients perceive pain identical
 - C) Patients never develop substantial tolerance to the respiratory depressant effects of morphine
 - D) None of the above

5. _____ Factors about dyspnea include:
 - A) It is one of the most feared symptoms
 - B) Morphine helps reduce breathlessness in a patient
 - C) A & B
 - D) None of the above

6. _____ Conditions that may cause poor intake that can be easily treated include:
 - A) Gastritis and constipation
 - B) Toothache and oral candidiasis
 - C) Pain and nausea
 - D) All the above

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7. _____ Death is particularly stressful when interpersonal conflict:
- A) Leads to survivors' ability to grieve
 - B) Allows the patient to change the Will
 - C) Keeps patients and family members from sharing their last moments together in peace
 - D) B & C
8. _____ Grief:
- A) Often starts with fears about loss of control, separation, and suffering
 - B) Often starts with denial
 - C) Is a normal process that usually begins before an anticipated death
 - D) All the above
9. _____ The do-not-resuscitate (DNR) order placed in a patient's medical record:
- A) Informs the medical staff that CPR should not be done
 - B) Has not been useful in preventing unnecessary and unwanted invasive treatment at the end of life
 - C) A & B
 - D) None of the above
10. _____ Living will:
- A) Designates a surrogate decision maker
 - B) Expresses preferences for end-of-life care
 - C) Compels health care practitioners to provide medical care that is medically or ethically unwarranted
 - D) None of the above

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