

Case Presentation Form

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Agency: Hearth Hospice

Client Data:

Client Initials: ST & CT Age: 61 Gender: F and M (spouse) Race: White Referral Source: Doctor Date of intake: 3/15

Referral Reason: Patient and husband were referred because patient has been diagnosed with terminal cancer (Malignant neoplasm of upper lobe, right bronchus or lung). Hospice is intended to make the patient comfortable and to support the family.

Presenting Problem Indicators:

1. The patients husband has conveyed grief about wife's diagnosis	2. Patient is experiencing communication difficulties due to disease process	3. The husband of the patient has expressed feeling uncertain about life after his wife's death
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Background information: Social Workers visited patients in their home. The husband expressed grief about how his wife's cancer has spread and is incurable, and how it progressed so fast. The primary diagnosis is a malignant neoplasm of upper lobe. A second neoplasm of the bone was found, as well as secondary malignant neoplasm of the brain. The patient's husband explained how patients' communication has declined significantly after having a full brain radiation. During the conversation with the husband, CT explained how he and his wife met in an airplane. They do not have a lot of close friends in Chattanooga, but have found a "home" with each other and their church. Patient is visited by her son, which allows patient's husband to go to the store. He expressed how when he went to the store, he would go down all of the rows in the stores, just for some time to process.

Cultural Factors (organized by identity: race, gender, ethnicity, religion/spirituality, etc) Patients identify as Presbyterian. The patient has been married to her husband for over 10 years. The patient worked for the Chamber of Commerce and had to stop working as of January 12. The patient's husband is a chiropractor but is no longer practicing. Patient CT has a son and daughter in law.

Client Strengths / Protective Factors: The patient has a son and daughter-in-law that visit and live in the area. They also have a pastor that comes to give communion at their home. They are financially stable. He is an excellent researcher and reads all resources available to hospice and is always ready to learn. He is emotionally aware and comfortable with showing emotions.

ACE Score/ Trauma information Unknown

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Risk Factors Depression is a risk factor; He recently experienced a major breakdown.

Treatment Goals:

1. Making the patient comfortable
2. Long term goals (care giving, support system, self-care)
3. Assisting husband develop a sense of self/evaluating his role as husband and soon to be widower

Services Offered:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Child and Youth Services | <input type="checkbox"/> Crisis | Case management/resource |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Case Management | <input type="checkbox"/> Other | Emotional support |

What is the desired outcome from the client, family, & referral source?

The client's husband expressed not wanting respite when first asked, but then responded, "we will see". His biggest goal is to keep her in the home.

What interventions have been already attempted? What were the outcomes?

The patient now has a sitter, which allows the husband to leave the home. Social workers have also connected patient’s husband with bereavement services offered by Hearth. Social Worker also referred him to an End-of-Life Doula.

Reason for Staffing:

We want to pre-plan for CT. We want to find resources to help him find ways of coping. These questions can include “How do people re-enter society after death”. Spirituality is important to patient. How does spirituality shift during bereavement/death? Are there scales to assess depression among men who are widowed? What are resources available for crisis help? Are there support groups in the area specifically for people grieving a spouse?

Staff Team Recommendations (Evidenced-based recommendations from colloquial evidence and research articles only):

Social Worker Signature / Credentials _____Kilah Runnels
