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5. Cancer Patients & Their Caregivers: Perspectives on Collusion, Quality of Life and Treatment Cost

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This study examines end of life decision-making and compares the perspectives of cancer patients and their caregivers and/or decision-makers. The research aims to better understand perspectives on the:

- role the patient, caregivers, relatives, friends and healthcare professionals play when disclosing the diagnosis of terminal cancer, and
- choice of a treatment that offers a good quality of life, versus a poorer quality but slightly longer life, where treatment is an out-of-pocket expense compared to when a treatment is not an out-of-pocket expense.

We hope this study will benefit healthcare professionals, researchers and policymakers, and raise awareness of the need for advance care planning. By exploring people's perspectives on end of life decision-making, palliative care professionals will gain further insight into collusion, quality of life, and treatment cost, thereby better equipping them to help patients and caregivers in difficult stages.

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