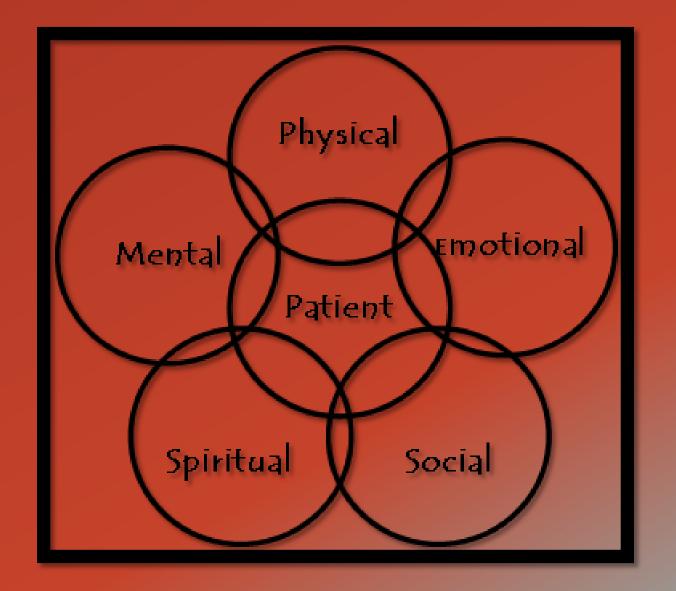
#### 2. Total Pain





# 2. Total Pain Explanation

- Physical
- Emotional
- Spiritual
- Mental
- Social



### 3. Assesses for Anxiety & Depression

- We don't diagnose, but listen for signs of these
  - Often guests & families will share these & we would bring this information to the larger care team
- If we are concerned, we will refer to the Team or we will give the client referrals.



# 4. PPS Scale - The Psychosocial Model

- We start with introducing the model of psychosocial using the PPS scale as a structure.
- We start at 100% & describe the psychosocial effects & continue through as the client declines.



#### 4. PPS Scale – The Psychosocial Model

#### Palliative Performance Scale (PPS)

PPS	Ambulation	Activity and Evidence of Disease	Self-Care	Intake	Conscious Level
00%	Full	Normal activity and work No evidence of disease	Full	Normal	Full
00%	Full	Normal activity and work Some evidence of disease	Full	Normal	Full
80%	Full	Normal activity with effort Some evidence of disease	Full	Normal or Reduced	Full
70%	Reduced	Unable to do normal job/work Significant disease	Full	Normal or reduced	Full
60%	Reduced	Unable hobby/housework Significant disease	Occasional assistance neces	Normal or . reduced	Full or confusion
50%	Mainly sit/lie	Unable to do any work Extensive disease	Considerable assistance req'd	Normal or reduced	Full or confusion
10%	Mainly in bed	Unable to do most activity Extensive disease	Mainly needs assistance	Normal or reduced	Full or drowsy +/- confusion
0%	Totally bed bound	Unable to do any activity Extensive disease	Total care	Normal or reduced	Full or drowsy +/- confusion
20%	Totally bed bound	Unable to do any activity Extensive disease	Total care	Minimal to sips	Full or drowsy +/- confusion
0%	Totally bed bound	Unable to do any activity Extensive disease	Total care	Mouth care only	Drowsy or coma +/- confusion
0%	Death	x	x	x	A GPSC Initiative



# 4. PPS Scale – The Psychosocial Model

- Functional assessment tool developed by Victoria Hospice in 2010.
- Based on Karnofsky Performance Scale.
- Karnofsky Performance Scale was developed as a measure of cancer people ability to perform daily tasks.



Beginning the Journey: Early Diagnosis & Treatment



Most people enter the phase of life-threatening illness looking well but knowing something is not right.



What we see...

Physical function is high, people are often deceived by apparent good health & absence of observable signs of disease.



Grow in grace
- Lilly Oncology, On Canvas



#### Psychosocial Impact

People feel shocked & overwhelmed. Illness & treatment becomes a focal point. Critical health care decisions are made.

- Navigating new systems & unfamiliar territory
- Experiencing the fragility of life
- Feelings of uncertainty can cause a sense of fear & powerlessness
- Physically & emotionally impacted by treatment



The Path Not Chosen: Reoccurrence & Chronic Illness

Victoria Hospice	Palliative	Performance	Scale	(PPS)	
PPS	Ambulation	Activity and Evidence of Disease	Self-Care	Intake	Conscious Level
80%	Full	Normal activity with effort Some evidence of disease	Full	Normal or Reduced	Full
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	_	Significant disease		reduced	

Once diagnosed with a life-threatening illness, people live with the possibilities of reoccurrence & disease progression.



What we see..



People may experience remission, recurrence or a gradual progression.

New symptoms develop.

Activities become more difficult, employment may end, household duties & personal interests are impacted.



Colours of Strength
-Lilly Oncology, On Canvas

#### Psychosocial Impact

People often feel vulnerable & betrayed by a prior sense of good health. Priorities are adjusted.

- Dissonance with one's life values can arise from uncertainty & unreliability of one's health
- Feelings of resentment & fear can arise as can feelings of isolation
   & abandonment



Entering the Unknown: The shift towards palliative care

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80%		Extensive disease	assistance req'd	reduced	or confusion

A shift towards palliative care involves a change of focus as the disease advances or cure is not possible.



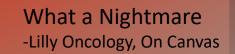
What we see...

Disease is not responding to treatment & metastases occur.

Decreased appetite & increased fatigue, reduced mobility.

Further loss of ability to participate in daily activities & personal interests.







#### Psychosocial Impact

This is a period of anxiety & ambiguity. Roles are adjusted & responsibilities shift to accommodate health needs.

- Frequent new losses
- Some feel at a loss for words
- Feelings of hope & despair vacillate
- Fears for the future surface
- Differences in coping abilities arise



A Long & Winding Road: Illness Predominates

Victoria Hospice	Palliative	Palliative Performance Scale (PPS)				
PPS	Ambulation	Activity and Evidence of Disease	Self-Care	Intake	Conscious Level	
40%	Mainly in bed	Unable to do most activity Extensive disease	Mainly needs assistance	Normal or reduced	Full or drowsy +/- confusion	
30%	Totally bed bound	Unable to do any activity Extensive disease	Total care	Normal or reduced	Full or drowsy +/- confusion	
30%	ponnd	Extensive disease		reduced	+/- confusion	

Advance stage of disease with little or no chance of improvement. A deeper expression of the grief that has followed people throughout is often experienced.



# 4. Psychosocial Advice What we see...



Disease is advance.

Increased fatigue & weakness.

Increased drowsiness, intake is limited.

Being Caught
-Lilly Oncology, On Canvas



Psychosocial Impact

This is a time of stress & sadness. Care needs intensify.

- Increased physical dependence
- Emotional withdrawal can occur
- Caregivers are often fatigued
- The reality of death is apparent & visible



Watching & Waiting: As death approaches

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Life's familiarity is juxtaposed with the unfamiliar closeness of death.



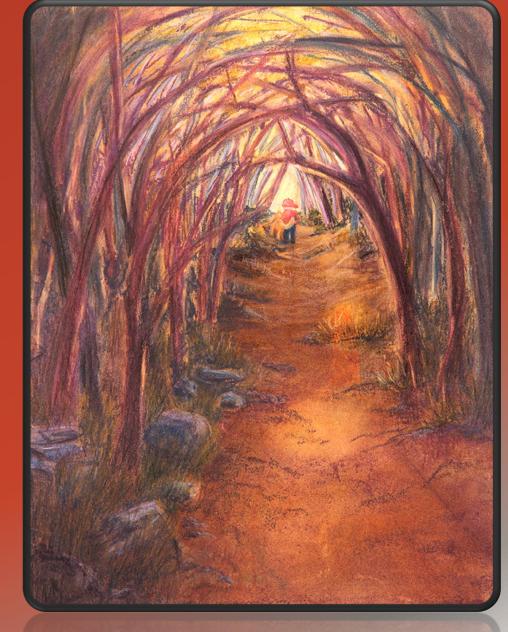
What we see...

Cognitive abilities are noticeably affected.

Continuous sleeping or coma.

Restlessness, agitation or delirium may occur.

Significant physical changes in swallowing, breathing, skin tone & temperature.







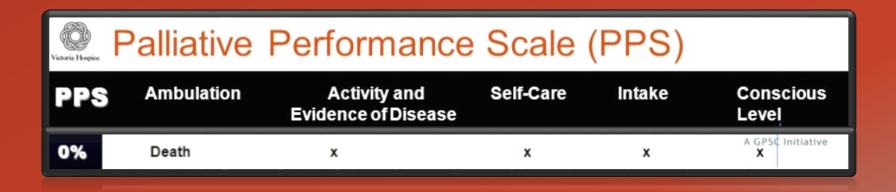
#### Psychosocial Impacts

Families search for new ways to communicate & "be present" with people as they become increasingly unresponsive.

- Reduced communication
- Concerns regarding the person's suffering & restlessness
- Caregivers expectations about dying & death may be challenged



Parting of the Ways: The time of death

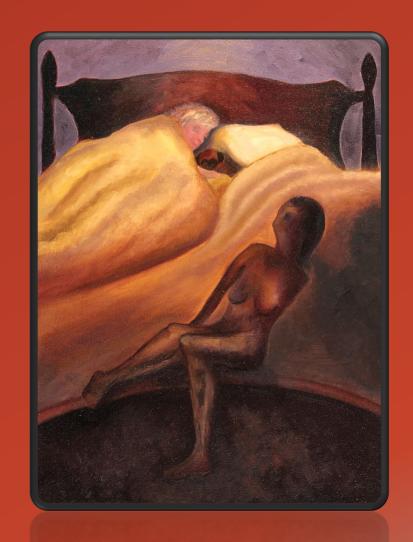


A time of sorrow & relief; sometimes a sense of unreality.

A new journey begins.



# 4. Psychosocial Advice What we see...



Death may occur quietly or dramatically depending on disease progression, symptom management & individual characteristics.



#### Psychosocial Impact

When people die families may feel shocked, relieved or surprised.

- Family members & care givers will say goodbye in their own way
- Family reactions will vary
- Typically a period of reflection
- After death details & rituals are part of the process



#### Helpful Skills Across the PPS

- Be present
- Discuss experience, remove agenda
- Listen, openly & non-judgementally
- Ask people & families what they need in the given moment;
   this will change by the week, day & hour
- Review support services available
- Maintain self care



#### Self- Care

- Supporting people may bring up your own past losses
- Its okay to grieve
- Practice mindfulness or grounding techniques
- Seek support as needed



Parting Thoughts

 "Death ends a life, not a relationship" from Mitch Albom, Tuesday's with Morrie



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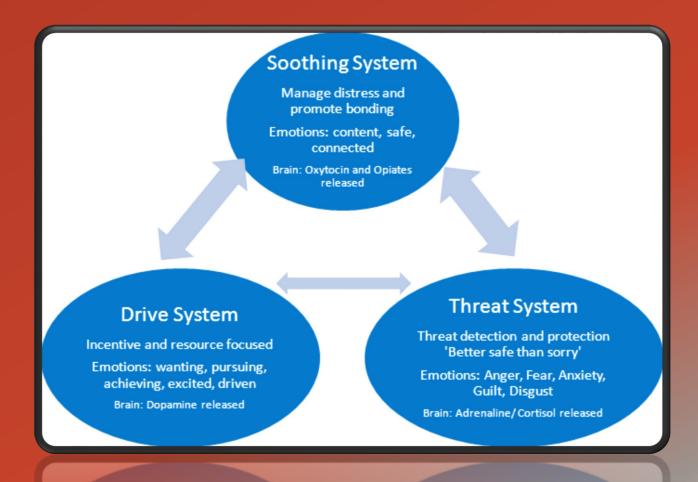
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#### 4. Psychosocial Advice: Compassion Focused Care

Paul Gilbert's Model of Human States of Being





#### Changes in the PPS

- Every time the PPS changes from a physical point of view, they are changing mentally, emotionally, spiritually & societally
- We are aware of the unit of care, which includes any family/friends.
- Our job is to soothe.



How Do We Soothe

- Everyone is unique, so its always different.
- Our first step is to create relationship.
- However there are some common ways



#### Giving Them Their Power Back

- Often they feel helpless or hopeless
- It's not cheerleading, its about giving them simple choices.
- Its about asking them,
- its subtle.





Explains Psychosocial Information

- Normalize
- Give information ex:
- Part of our training for our volunteers
- Conversations on pain & suffering as two separate experiences



# 4. Psychosocial Advice The Jars Model

- The model makes our world bigger to help with our grief
- We think in terms of expanding our capacity to hold our grief.



Resistance



- Allowing ourselves to let the grief in
- Its not about getting rid or over it.
- We have to let it change who we are.

