**Abstract**

Background: Spirituality is an important aspect of nursing care for the patient with advanced oncology illness, palliative care, and those at the end of life. Although nurses understand the importance of spiritual care, many feel ill prepared to provide spiritual care. The ability to connect with and embrace the spirit or soul of the other as they face life limiting illness is at the heart of providing spiritual care.

Purpose: A review of the literature highlights the topic of spiritual care for the patient with advanced oncology illness, palliative care, and those at the end of life. The benefits and barriers to providing spiritual care is included in the review of the literature.

Findings: The author, a Certified Hospice and Palliative Nurse (CHPN®) working at an inpatient palliative care unit in the United States, provides real life clinical examples of how nurses can utilize Jean Watson's theory of Caring Science and Caritas Processes® to provide spiritual care to patients with advanced oncology illness, palliative care, and those at the end of life

Conclusion: Jean Watson’s theory of Caring Science and Caritas Processes® can provide a framework for the development of caring and healing practices that can facilitate spiritual care.

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