

Keynote Address
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This lecture was an effort to address the specific challenges that individual members of the group would be inclined to meet as they became more involved in the hospice movement and more concerned about terminal patients, especially that those patients get all the help possible from all the health, social services, and other caring professions. The discussion included the problems, not often discussed with terminally ill patients, such as money, spirituality, the environment for a terminal illness, and the interdisciplinary approach to solutions including physician, family, social service, clergy, etc. Especially, we as care givers have to recognize that patients in the last days of life are trying to ensure that theirs was a special life and that there was indeed some point to it.

Aging process and Dying Process
Denial
Economics
Environment & Terminal Illness
Home vs. Institutional Care
Humanizing Aging & Dying
Interdisciplinary Care
Management of Terminal Patients
Mental Health
Nature & Terminal Illness
Physical Health
Scientific Technology & Terminal Illness
Spiritual Health
