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Class: Choosing_Quality_of_Life_-_Reasons_People_Forego_Treatment

Annotations (3)

- `rdfs:comment` "Financial Concerns - People sometimes choose to forego treatment for financial reasons. They may not want to drain what limited savings they have and that their family depends on. Or, they may lack insurance or think that certain treatments are unattainable to them because they either make too little or too much money. There are resources for those who are uninsured or underinsured, as well as financial assistance programs that aid in the cost of treatment, transport, home care, family services, and other common concerns. Before avoiding treatment you think you cannot afford, speak with a social worker at your cancer treatment center who can help you navigate the services and programs available to you. These may include: Medicaid: Available to those with low income as well as people with excessive medical expenses who are medically needy Social Security benefits: Available to those with limited income to help pay for medical care and enroll in Medicare if needed 2-1-1 services: Provides referrals to medical providers, mental health resources, transportation, food banks, financial assistance programs, health insurance, childcare, and other services (available in most states) Hospital care assistance programs: Mandated by federal and state law to provide low-income or uninsured people with free or low-cost medical care American Cancer Society: Offers programs that help individuals and families navigate treatment decisions and emotional challenges CancerCare: A national non-profit that offers free support, information, and financial assistance to people with cancer Patient Advocate Foundation: A national non-profit that can direct you to financial assistance programs and also offers copay assistance to those who meet eligibility criteria Patient Assistance Programs (PAPs): Offered by many pharmaceutical manufacturers to help pay for medications or cover copay costs Do not decide against cancer treatment for financial reasons without first meeting with a social worker experienced in cancer or a patient navigator offered by many hospitals and cancer treatment centers."(`xsd:string`)
- `rdfs:comment` "Lung Cancer Stigma Some people decide against treatment because of the stigma of lung cancer. For current or former smokers, "smoker's guilt" can get the best of them and lead one to believe that they somehow "deserve" the disease because they made a conscious choice to light up. Nobody deserves cancer, and lung cancer occurs in smokers and non-smokers alike. As with any potentially life-threatening disease, lung cancer is treated with care and compassion regardless of its possible causes. If you have problems coping with your diagnosis, ask your healthcare provider for a referral to a psychiatrist or psychologist who can help. Support groups are also available to put you in touch with others who understand what you are going through firsthand."(`xsd:string`)
- `rdfs:comment` "Religious Beliefs- Some people choose to pass on cancer treatment due to religious beliefs. These include people who are Christian Scientists, Jehovah's Witnesses, Amish, or Scientologists. For them, their faith and belief will often direct what is the "right" thing to do. On the other hand, some people may turn to religion for curative purposes, believing that prayer or other practices can rid them of their cancer. There is little if any evidence of this ever working. While faith is important in dealing with any disease (and can make a difference in how well you cope with the disease), it is important to keep an open mind about the benefits and risks of cancer treatment if your faith does not bar medical interventions. If in doubt or crisis, speak with a spiritual advisor of your faith, such as pastor or rabbi, to work through any fears or struggles you are experiencing. Doing so can help you make a more informed decision."(`xsd:string`)

Superclasses (1)

- `Treatment_Regimens_LC`

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