

The Role of the Clinician in Palliative Medicine

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"When one of our patients has an incurable illness, we physicians must expand our focus of care beyond the disease to encompass all dimensions of the patient's distress," states Dr. Janet Abraham in recommending ways for clinicians to deal with a patient experiencing pain.

Dr. Abraham takes the reader through a case study of an individual with cancer who is experiencing severe back pain. Abraham comments that an interdisciplinary approach with appropriate feedback is vital for team members to achieve successful palliative care at the end of life.

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