



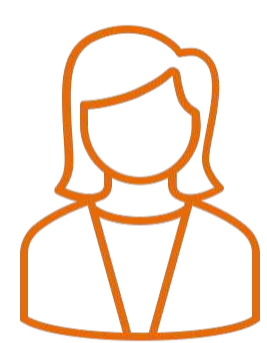
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Respect, autonomy, empathy, participation and being in good hands can be used to explore the patient's personal values, wishes and needs to optimize dignity conserving care

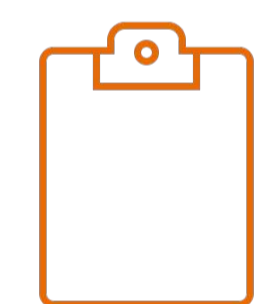
## Dignity of patients admitted to hospice care, a qualitative exploration

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Patients receiving inpatient and outpatient hospice care.



Qualitative study semi structured interviews



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Thematic analysis

### Results

In total, eleven patients, seven women, aged 52 to 81 were interviewed. Educational level varied but the primary diagnosis was predominantly cancer (n=8). The philosophy of life were none (n=6), Christian (n=4) and one humanist.

Reflecting on their dignity, patients mostly reminded moments they experiences a loss of dignity. From that experience, positive experiences and strategies to optimize or restore dignity were explored. During this exploration **five themes emerged**.

