

127 **A PSYCHOLOGICAL PROFILE OF MIDDLE-AGE CANCER PATIENTS' TERMINAL EXPERIENCE IN HOSPICE HOME CARE**

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Cancer patients facing terminal illness have the most complex psychological and reluctant feeling, especially for middle age adults. This paper aims at exploring the middle-age cancer patients' terminal experience from the psychological profile in hospice home care. The research adopted the purposive sampling method and collected data through participatory observation and in-depth interviews. The data were analyzed by the phenomenology qualitative method, and the research field was located in the hospice home care in north Taiwan. In overview, there were four psychological categories from interviewing middle age cancer patients about their terminal experiences in hospice home care, namely: fear, restlessness, depression, as well as ambivalence. Regarding fear, there were three issues that emerged from this theme, which are: (1) fear of inexplicability; (2) fear of no treatment (3) fear of unknown world. Regarding restlessness, there were three issues under this theme, as namely: (1) irritable mood (2) dysphoria (3) unpeaceful mind. Regarding depression, there were three issues under this theme: (1) emotional emptiness (2) low mood (3) feeling depression. Regarding ambivalence, there were three issues under this theme, which are: (1) rising and falling emotionally (2) capricious thoughts (3) uncertainty. Thus, the phenomenon of middle-age cancer patients facing terminal stage presented by the results from this study shown as a phenomenon of resistance.