Domains of Issues Associated with Illness and Bereavement

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Disease Management

Primary diagnosis, prognosis, evidence

Secondary diagnoses (e.g., dementia, psychiatric, diagnoses, substance use, trauma)

Co-morbidities (e.g., delirium, seizures, organ failure)

Adverse events (e.g., side effects, toxicity)

Allergies

Loss, Grief

Loss Grief (e.g., acute, chronic, anticipatory) Bereavement planning Mourning

End-of-Life Care/ **Death Management**

Life closure (e.g., completing business, closing relationships, saying goodbye)

Gift giving (e.g., things, money, organs, thoughts)

Legacy creation

Preparation for expected death

Anticipation and management of physiological changes in the last hours of life

Rites, rituals

Pronouncement, certification

Perideath care of family, handling of the body

Funerals, memorial services, celebrations

Physical

Pain and other symptoms * Level of consciousness.

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Function, safety, aids:

- Motor (e.g., mobility, swallowing, excretion)
- Senses (e.g., hearing, sight, • smell, taste, touch)
- Physiologic (e.g., breathing, • circulation)
- Sexual .

Fluids, nutrition

Wounds

Habits (e.g., alcohol, smoking)

Person and Family

Demographics (e.g., age, gender, race, contact

information)

Culture (e.g., ethnicity, language, cuisine)

Personal values, beliefs, practices, strengths

Developmental state, education, literacy

Disabilities

Practical

Activities of daily living (e.g., personal care, household activities Dependents, pets Telephone access, transportation

Psychological

Personality, strengths, behaviour, motivation

Depression, anxiety

Emotions (e.g., anger, distress, hopelessness, loneliness)

Fears (e.g., abandonment, burden, death)

Control, dignity, independence

Conflict, guilt, stress, coping responses

Self-image, self-esteem

Social

Cultural values, beliefs, practices Relationships, roles with family, friends, community

Isolation, abandonment, reconciliation

Safe, comforting environment

Privacy, intimacy

Routines, rituals, recreation, vocation

Financial resources, expenses

Legal (e.g., powers of attorney for business, for healthcare, advance directives, last will/ testament, beneficiaries)

Family caregiver protection

Guardianship, custody issues

Spiritual

Meaning, value Existential, transcendental Values, beliefs, practices, affiliations Spiritual advisors, rites, rituals Symbols, icons

*Other common symptoms include, but are not limited to: Cardio-respiratory: breathlessness, cough, edema, hiccups, apnea, agonal breathing patterns Gastrointestinal: nausea, vomiting, constipation, obstipation, bowel obstruction, diarrhea, bloating, dysphagia, dyspepsia Oral conditions: dry mouth, mucositis Skin conditions: dry skin, nodules, pruritus, rashes General: agitation, anorexia, cachexia, fatigue, weakness, bleeding, drowsiness, effusions (pleural, peritoneal), fever/chills, incontinence, insomnia, lymphoedema, myoclonus, odor, prolapse, sweats, syncope, vertigo