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Article of the Month

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Dying persons' perspectives on, or experiences of, participating in research: An integrative review

Bloomer et al. Palliative Medicine 2017

This review explores the evidence of dying patient's views with regards to participating in research. 10 studies across 5 countries, were included, with inpatient, outpatient, and clinical trial settings. Patients have diverse motivations for cooperating with research programs, but overall there was a strong desire to help others, particularly with regards to improving future care and contributing to research.

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Characterising the growth in palliative care prescribing 2011–2015: Analysis of national medical and non-medical activity

Ziegler et al. Palliative Medicine 2017

To establish the level of non-medical prescribers' activity in palliative care across England, prescriptions of palliative care medications issued by general practitioners, nurses and pharmacists in England and dispensed in the community between April 2011 and April 2015 were extracted from the Prescribing Analysis Cost Tool system. The number of prescriptions issued by nurse prescribers in community palliative care in England has doubled since 2012, with much of this related to opioid prescribing in the community. Non-medical prescribers are now prescribing 7% of all medications issued in community palliative care.

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