

Dignity in Care
Online Workshop Training Day 1
Patient Dignity Question (PDQ) Homework
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Holly- In 50's. No further treatment options, end stage Ca, actively dying in a residential hospice.

Holly is a young individual whose main priority and purpose in life is being a mother to her 2 children. Both her children live with Autism, and she is struggling with helping her kids understand the concept of dying. It has been hard for her to lose the ability to interact with her children in the way she had been able to before the cancer treatments. That being said, she explains that all of her strength and endurance for this cancer journey, and everything else in her life, has come directly from her family. Holly finds comfort in keeping their family photo close and looks at when she is needing strength.

Although she knows her days are limited, Holly wants everyone to know she “gave it everything she had” for her family and that she never gave up her fight to keep living for them. She wants to be seen as the strong, dedicated parent that she is, right up until the end, and for all to know that nothing mattered to her more than her children and her spouse.