

PDQ

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Questions:

What do I need to know about you as a person to give you the best care possible?

What would you want any staff member walking into this room to know about you?

Are there special qualities you would want them to see?

Are there key roles or relationships you want them to know about?

Are there specific concerns, important beliefs you would like them to be aware of?

Summary:

Patient “Victoria”: 65 y/o married woman with stage IV lung cancer

Victoria is a retired ballerina, who spent her career in a Toronto dance company. Fitness and her physical independence is very important to her and she is scared to think about the possibility of that deteriorating from the potential side-effects from chemo/radiation treatments. She has two kids at the university and a husband of 40 years who are all very supportive and providing active care. She has a dog she loves and finds comfort in sharing time with—she joked about the possibility of bringing the dog into the hospital. Victoria is open to bringing in bright colors so that any staff that comes into her room feels the brightness she is intentionally bringing into this experience. Victoria is interested in bringing in photos of her family into her inpatient and potentially outpatient rooms to feel surrounded by their love.