

W.H. 08/09

This PDQ was conducted with an elderly female cancer patient during a routine infusion appointment. She is receiving long-term treatment to help maintain a manageable quality of life as she navigates an advanced stage cancer. When invited to discuss what she finds important in life, W.H. communicated wanting to ensure that her middle-aged daughter, with whom she lives, acquires more social skills and adheres to a household budget. This is the patient's only living child, and W.H. wants her daughter to have ample social support to aid in the grieving process once she succumbs to cancer. Additionally, W.H. wants her daughter to have the financial discipline to sustain her lifestyle independently once the patient is no longer there to help her shoulder household expenses. W.H. discussed being intentional about imparting words of wisdom to help improve what she perceives as her daughter's lack of maturity and failure to launch.