

Balint groups for Palliative care therapists-Treating in the shadow of death

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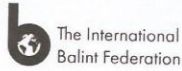
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Abstract

Over the past few years the authors have been leading Balint groups for nurses working in home hospice, social workers and alternative - medicine therapists treating cancer patients in an oncology institute. The invitation to conduct Balint groups came from the medical system as a way of preventing burnout to the palliative teams. The article will deal with the re-echoing of death in the groups of palliative professionals, as seen by the leaders. In the palliative groups there may have been a parallel process felt by both the members of the group as well as the leaders themselves: What is best palliative care ? From the leader's points of view: What is best way to facilitate a group of palliative care professionals.?

The article deals with insights that the leaders had, as well as the reflections that were discussed in training leaders supervision group with regard to the facilitators' role in leading a palliative professional group.



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work reflecting on the patient-practitioner relationship.

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