**•Grief caused by the death of female cancer patients: daughters perspectives**

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**BACKGROUND**
- The relationship between mother and daughter is known to have many conflicts.
- There are many studies on spiritual concerns of female cancer patients.
- But, there are not many studies on spiritual concerns for their children of cancer patients as mother.
- Identifying the palliative care needs of children with bereaved experience is an important issue.
- The objective of this paper is to describe spiritual concerns and care needs of daughter of female cancer patients.

**METHODS**
- Research design: Qualitative descriptive study
- Data collection: Semi-structured interview with 4 daughters of female cancer patients recruited from Class of Cancer Research in University.
- Data analysis: Interviews were recorded, transcribed and analyzed using an inductive approach to identify common themes.
- Study rigor and trustworthiness: Audit trail reviews, date source and researcher triangulation, and member checking to validate interpretation of thematic findings.

**RESULT**
6 key themes were revealed from the contents of their stories. Female cancer patient chose not to notify their daughters know their disease condition. As a result, daughters did not know that until just before death.

**anxiety**
- The expression of adult was dark
- Even though I felt that there was something strange, I just didn't know what it was
- My mother was not energetic
- I did not have any fun

**anger**
- Why did you hide it?
- Why did not adults tell me this faster?
- My heart was filled with sorrow and anger

**Self-attribution**
- I could not do anything for my mother
- I feel guilty about not knowing that my mother is likely to die
- I did not notice how sad my mother was

**regret**
- If I knew...
- I think I wanted to spend more time with my mother
- I wanted to talk with my mother more.
- I could have more photos and memories of my mother

**Life review session by dialogue**

**CONCLUSIONS**
Children are often isolated from the death of their parents. Actually, they have not received Grief Care from anyone. Their grief has been alleviated by explaining the past circumstances in order. And their hope was found.
Life review is effective for people who have been deeply bruised feelings in the past.