

# PSYCHOSOCIAL NEEDS OF PATIENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES IN END STAGE OF LIFE- AN ONCOLOGIST'S PROSPECTIVE

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# PATIENT'S NEEDS AT EOL

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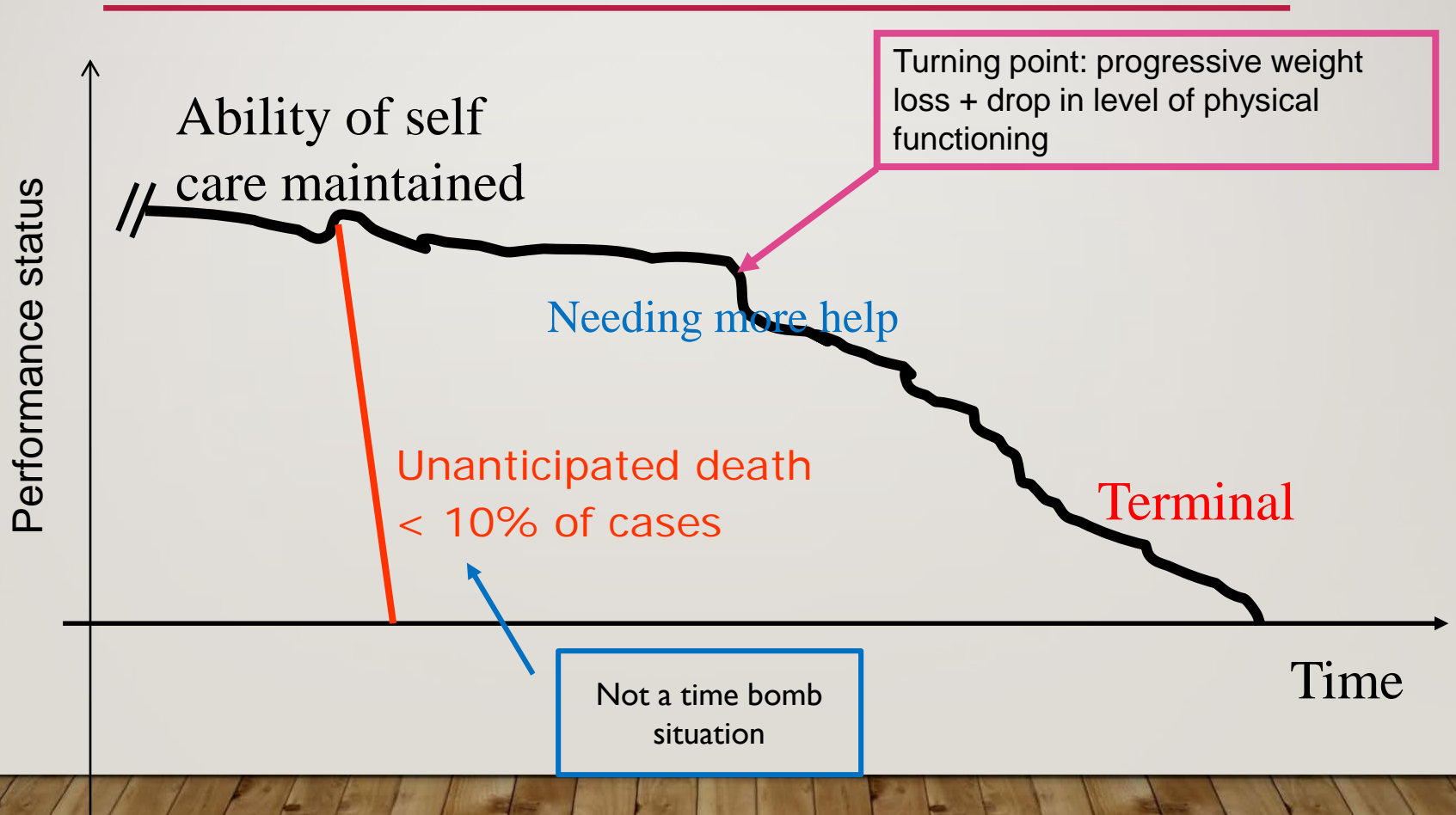
- Physical
- Psycho-social
- Spiritual

# GETTING CONSENSUS / GOAL SETTING

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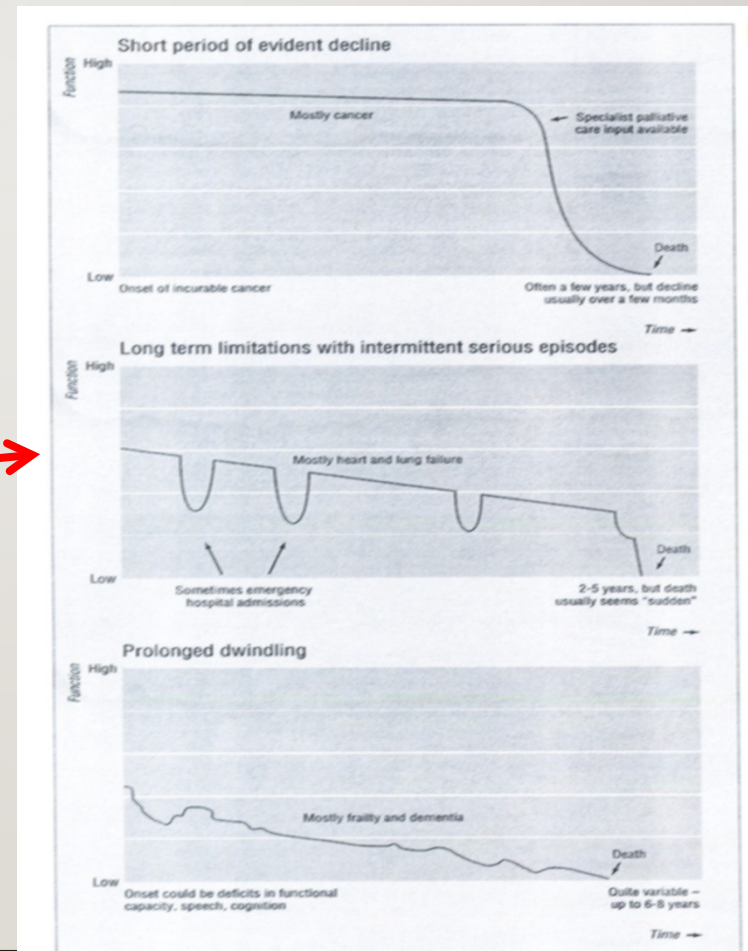
- To intervene or not to intervene
- When to start comfort care / palliative care

# Understand illness trajectory



# NON-CANCER ILLNESS TRAJECTORY IS LESS WELL DEFINED

- Terminal illness
- Organ failure
- Frailty



# ACCEPTING WHAT IT IS

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- Patient's dying process is the bereavement process of family members/significant others

# NEEDS

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- Not from health care professionals
- From patients and family members

# IMPORTANT ELEMENTS IN COMMUNICATION

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- Trust building
- Seeing needs from the patients' perspective



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THANK YOU

