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がん患者の心理ー 手記を分析して ー

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Studies on the Mental State of Patients with Cancer — Through Observation on Their Writings —

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Abstract

This research clarifies the mental state of patients with cancer. We observed the writings which they or their families wrote during the period from the onset of the disease until they died. According to Kashiwagi, the struggle against cancer is progressively characterized by hope, doubt, anxiety or fear, irritation, depression and finally acceptance or resignedness, the writings were categorized to analyze the characteristics of each stage. The results were as follows: 1) The contents of the "hope" stage changed as the disease progressed. 2) The acceptance of death was more difficult to achieve when the patient was not appropriately informed.

要約

がん患者の心理を理解するために、手記を分析した. 対象にしたのは、がんの発病から死に至るまでを本人や家族が書いた4冊の手記である. 手記に表現されている気持ちを、柏木の示している日本人の死に至るまでの6段階(希望、疑念、不安または恐怖、いらだち、うつ状態、受容またはあきらめ)の心理過程に沿って分類し、各段階における心理の質的特性について検討した. 結果、希望はがんの進行に伴って、その内容が変化することがわかった。また、がんの告知が適