



ความตายในสังคมไทย

การเปลี่ยนแปลงในรอบศตวรรษ

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Hippocratic Collection

+ 1.17 The art of medicine has come into being through necessity because an ill man cannot benefit by the way of life enjoyed by someone who is well.

'The Purpose and Meaning of the Art', in Medicine, The Forgotten Art? Christopher Elliott-Binns 1978

Hippocratic Collection

- + 2.203 It is madness to demand from medicine a cure which it cannot give or for the body to resist a disease which is irresistible.
- + 2.193 Medicine is this – to do away with the suffering of the sick, to lessen the disease, not to treat those cases where treatment is needless



Is death a failure of medicine?



We don't want to fail, do we?

Hippocratic Collection

+ 2.229 Medicine is in fact subtraction and addition, subtraction of what is in excess and addition of what is lacking.

Unfortunately nowadays the thing that is in excess may be the medicine itself!



Sometimes we can add days to their lives but it's
always our duty to add life to their days.

Modified from Robert Twycross's Introduction to Palliative Care



So, what's the impact on
us as professional healers?



GOALS OF CARE

How to set?

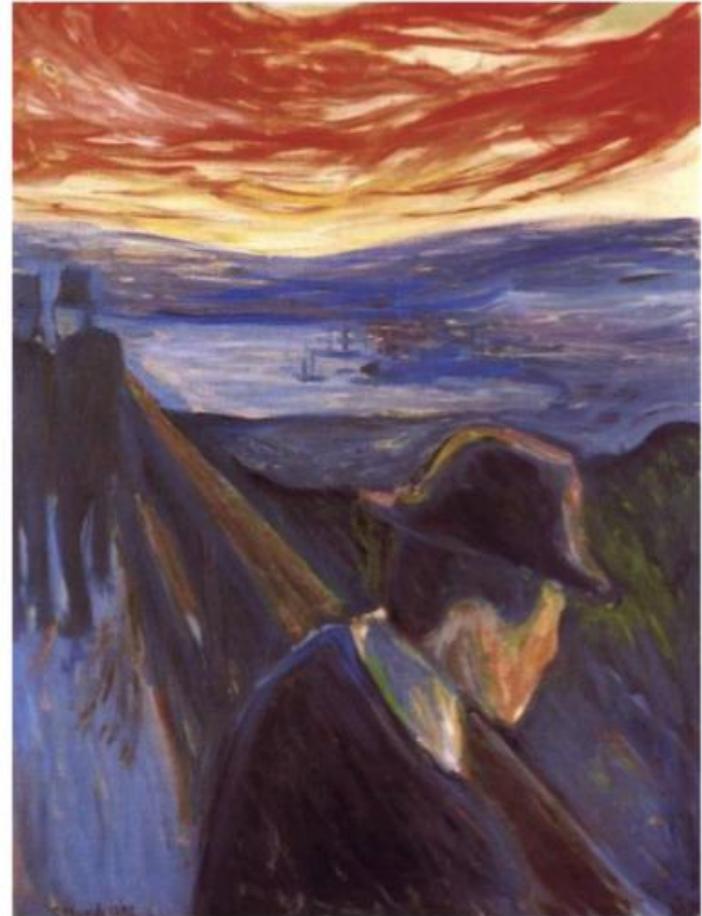
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+ 2.201 The patient does not know what his illness is nor what causes it, neither does he know what to expect. He is given orders, suffering his illness at the time and afraid of the future: hoping for immediate relief rather than long term health: frightened of death but unable to endure his illness.

What is healing?

“I am not a mechanism, an assembly of various sections
And it is not because the mechanism is working wrongly
that I am ill.
I am ill because of wounds of the soul, wounds to the deep
emotional self.”

D H Lawrence





GOAL OF CARE =
medical story + life story

Medical story:



Diagnosis, Trajectory of
disease and Prognosis

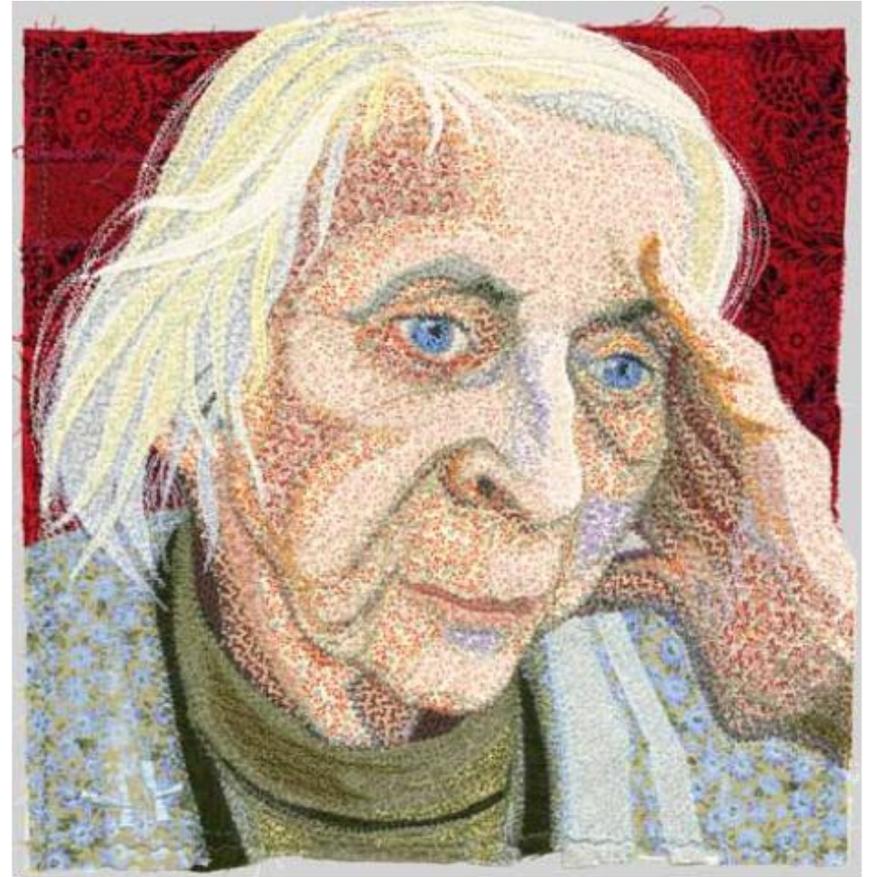
Life story:

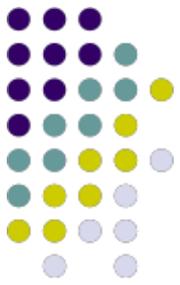
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How many of our patients have been rehearsing the story of their lives, just in case one of us should ask?





“We are not human beings on a spiritual journey: we are spiritual beings on a human journey.”

Teilhard de Chardin



Tibetan prayer wheel distributing spiritual blessings - positive wishes for all beings



Then they might say, “the job’s well done. Thank you doctor.”