Prognostic awareness in advanced cancer patients

There is a widespread belief among the palliative care community that open communication about prognosis is good for patients and that accurate prognostic awareness is a prerequisite for effective advance care planning. However, some research suggests that patients with more accurate prognostic awareness may have worse quality of life. The aim of the seminar is to provide an overview of current evidence about prognostic awareness and factors which influence its development. Martin will also present the preliminary results of their current longitudinal cohort study, measuring prognostic awareness in patients with advanced cancer and their caregivers.

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