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Thermometer and Problem List by National Comprehensive Cancer Network (US)



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Gather information about a person's spiritual history and preferences to identify signs of spiritual distress. Copyright by C. Puchalski and George Washington University (US)



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The dying person and intractable suffering

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Access this tool

<u>Checklist: Caring for a patient's</u> <u>mental state (268kb pdf)</u>

Do a quick check of your patient's mental state with this short tool by End-of-Life Essentials