

[Desire of Hastened death in terminal cancer patient: analysis of compensation and factors associated](#)

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Summary. The objectives of the study are to examine the desire of hastened death and the euthanasia request in terminal cancer patients, to identify factors associated with hastened death and to analyze it as a compensation. One hundred and thirty patients admitted to the Hospice Valletta in Turin have been subjected to a short semi-structured interview designed to assess thoughts of death, and to the following Rating Scales: Hospital Anxiety and Depression Scale (HADS), Visual Analogue (VAS) - which assesses painful symptoms - and the Functional Assessment of Chronic Illness Therapy-Spiritual Well-Being Scale (FACIT-Sp). The study has shown significant associations between HADS and VAS and between HADS and FACIT-Sp. Furthermore, the desire of hastened death was significantly associated with a poor functional status, pain, depression, spirituality and with the perception of being a burden for others. This study has shown how physical, psychological and existential distress factors are associated with the desire of death in terminal cancer patients. At the end of the life the desire of hastened death could represent an extreme attempt to free himself from distress and to affirm himself against the illness.

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Summary. The objective of this study is to analyze the use of the fictions in the therapeutic relationships with terminal oncological patients recovered in hospice Valletta and to put some critical considerations about the application of the psychotherapy at the end of life as a neurotic fiction or as a curative model. In fact fictions with terminal patients protect them from a complex of inferiority and in psychotherapy unmasking fictional purposes could lead patients to get away from reality and discourage towards the goal of life.
