

INSTRUCTIONS: All questions have only one correct answer

1. Which one of the following statements is TRUE:

1. A patients' personality has little impact on their ability to cope with a life-threatening illness
2. A physician should confront denial in most circumstances
3. Denial can be a helpful coping mechanism
4. Denial implies that has the clinician has failed to provide patient-centered care

2. Which one of the following statements is TRUE:

1. A psychosocial assessment is best completed by a clinical psychologist.
2. Exploring a patients' relationship to their parents and siblings is a cornerstone of the psychosocial assessment
3. Physicians usually cause increased patient distress by asking direct questions about psychological coping mechanisms
4. The psychosocial assessment includes spiritual, social, and psychological domains.

3. Following the death of a loved one, complicated grief cannot be diagnosed for a minimum of:

1. 3 months
2. 6 months
3. 9 months
4. 12 months

4. Which one of the following is most likely to indicate a complicated grief reaction

1. hearing the voice of the deceased (auditory hallucinosis)
2. feelings of pain over the loss up to 3 months after death
3. periods of sadness 9 months following death
4. persistent sense of anger and bitterness

5. Which one of the following statements validates the need for physician involvement in completing a spiritual assessment:

1. physicians have unique skills in providing an empathic environment
2. compared to nurses, patients prefer to discuss their religious concerns with physicians
3. physicians are skilled in listening for spiritual concerns
4. spiritual distress may present as a physical symptom (e.g. pain)

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