

Ethnic Experience of Cancer: A Qualitative Study of Chinese-Australians in Brisbane, Queensland

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Research aim:

This article reports on the findings of a recent study of cancer experiences of members in the Chinese community in Brisbane, the state capital of Queensland.

Results/Conclusion:

Results of the study have shown that the belief in fate and luck, as well as stoicism about cancer, is very common among cancer patients and their family members. Their general strategy for coping with cancer is often passive. Families play the most important role in determining the strategy for helping the cancer patients in coping with the illness. Most prefer to keep the illness secret and private within the family.

Implications:

Implications of the findings from this study will be discussed for the development of culturally appropriate programs for cancer prevention and treatment for the Chinese community.

Cultural Group(s):

Chinese

Location of study:

Brisbane

Age group:

mixed

Number included in study:

24

Type of participants:

8 cancer patients, 5 carers, 11 stakeholders

Research approach:

Qualitative

Type of data:

Primary

Secondary data sources used:

Specific scales or analytical techniques used:

Implications/ Recommendations:

Notes: