




**Death
Dying
Bereavement**


How Does One Deal with Death?

- Relatives – close and distant
- Friends and acquaintances
- Patients
- The relatives of patients




Frequency of Patient Death

- Over 2/3rds of dentists reported this occurrence in the last 12 months
- Less than 5% received training in dental school
 - Over 2/3rds said more training needed in dental school
 - Zero felt that training wasn't needed



Frequency of Patient Death

- Oregon dentists reported an average of 5 deaths per year (Chiodo and Tolle 1988)
- Kentucky general dentists reported an average of 7 (Henry *et al.* 1995)



Bereavement


- to leave desolate or alone, especially by death

Grief

- subjective experience of loss


Mourning

- a process involving recognition by others . . . support. . . and social, cultural and religious customs and rituals



Ways to Express Sympathy

- Sympathy cards
- Flowers
- Attendance at funeral/memorial
- Phone call or visit to a relative





Discussion

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