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3.5. Evaluation:

Is the decision equitable for the short term and for the long What are the decisive arguments in favour of this solution? Am I proud of this decision?

Would I be happy if this decision was published?

4. Ethical dilemnas: There is a lot of potential problems in global oncology nursing.

They can be related to:

- Admission /
- Risks for the nurses: isotopic treatment, body
- Emergencies
- Foregoing / witholding / withdrawal of life-sustaining
- Informed consent
- Allocation of resources
- No code policies /
- Pain management / symptom management

Old debate: the categorisation vital care vs basic care.

There is currently no more distinction between "ordinary" and "extraordinary" measures. The central question is now: what's the therapeutic plan for the patient? It's important to note that nurses and physicians could have a different approach according to their respective professional values. Resolution algorithmes should be considered to solve those.

5. Conclusion: "Cancer" and "critical care" remain words associated with dingy preconceptions although the remarkable progresses of the medicine during the second half of the XXth century. This state of mind could explain why critical care in oncology is still considered by some people as an ethical dilemna. According to me, the ethical dilemnas encountered by nurses in critical care oncology appear to be the same that those encountered by other critical care nurses. But the frequency of these ethical dilemnas could be higher. It would be interesting to confirm that impression.

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Writing for publication: how to become a successful author

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Nurses and other health care professionals who are involved in carrying out research (either as part of a larger project, own initiative or as part of a postgraduate degree) often do not publish or disseminate their work. 'Fears' around the publication process, a belief that only few experienced researchers can publish in a peer-reviewed journal, past negative experiences dealing with a journal, and the extra time needed to prepare an article for publication are some of the reasons for not publishing. In this way, however, a lot of good work is left unused. This workshop, led by the Editor of the European Journal of Oncology Nursing, aims to demistify the process of publication, describe the steps involved in the publishing process, discuss some of the key issues that potential authors should pay more attention, and provide some 'tips' for becoming a successful author. In this way, it is hoped that more novice researchers will be encouraged to publish their valuable work in the future and that their attemp will be more successful.