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### **Integration of the cancer experiences in everyday life – A patient perspective**

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Cancer disease and its treatment throws human beings into a multifactoriel and often complicated situation, which need to be integrated in everday life during and after treatments. A life with cancer is a life with changes and losses, fx appetite, breath, body image, confidence and maybe faith. These losses changes over time and the illness experiences is challenging former knowledge, emotional balance and skills in everyday life. Based on the theory from the philosopher Agnes Heller, the cancer illness experiences represent a fundamental surface and situation of deficenty in everyday life. In order to find meaning and explanations our patient reaches out in areas of philosophy, religion, art and sciences. Does the theory of coping and everyday life makes a difference in helping the cancer patient integrating the total cancer experiences in everyday living?