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Proposed title of paper: Painism Model as a way of controlling and reducing Pain and suffering of Non-Verbal End- Stage Dementia Patient

Abstract with 3 clearly stated objectives in 250 words:

Background - The fear from and alienation of the Non-Verbal End Stage Dementia Patients (NVEDP) creates unsuitable behaviors. Understanding of Pain and suffering is crucial for preserving the patient's individuality and humanity. Therefore, appropriate assessment and treatment of these conditions in NVEDP are fundamental ethical obligations of all health care providers.

Aims – To explore the stigmatization and the invisibility status of NVEDP as a by product of the difficulties in understanding the uniqueness and the otherness of the pain and suffering of these patients. To highlight the attitudes and strategies used by the professional staff to overcome these difficulties. To identify the gap between existed to advisable performance in assessment of pain and suffering of NVEDP by presenting the Painism Model measures against the staff evaluations.

Method – Ethnographic research was conducted including observations of nursing staff during treatment process of NVEDP by using the Painism Model and interviews of the staff after that.

Outcomes –The study highlights the invisibility status of the non verbal end stage dementia patients and explores the negative attitudes and behaviors of the staff against these patients.

Discussion –Awareness to the pain and suffering among NVEDP requires understanding "the otherness" of these patients and the otherness of their pain and suffering.

Conclusion – Requirement of reducing the phenomenon of pain and suffering in NVEDP will help health professional to engage more respectful and effectively with their patients. Such an obligation can

be accomplished by using the Painism Model, thus, indirectly, empowering the nurses and strengthening their expertise.

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