Losing a Spouse to Cancer: Grief, Bereavement, and Coping with the Loss



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Losing a spouse during later life is a major life stressor that often leaves adults vulnerable to physical and emotional health problems including depression, disability, and reduced life expectancy. Spouses are essential partners in the care of individuals with cancer, yet systematic assessment of spouses bereaved by cancer are rare. The progression from cancer to death is experienced in different ways by different people. The grieving process often starts before the death of a loved one. Our team conducted a behavioral intervention to encourage a regular routine of self-care (sleep, meals, and physical activity) in recently bereaved adults who were at high-risk for depression. In this talk, Dr. Stahl will discuss the methods and results of this intervention with an emphasis on how to integrate spouses bereaved by cancer into clinical care and bereavement support programs.

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