

Review of: "Narrative Medicine: Enhancing End-of-Life Care with Literary Stories"

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Thank you for sharing the article. I enjoyed reading the study as the topic is very engaging and aligns with the comprehensive approach that healthcare providers should take in caring for patients at the end of life. Below are a few points for the authors' consideration:

It would be interesting to explain why the authors propose "own death event" not "disease acceptance." The latter could be a more feasible event. At times, patients at the EOL cannot focus on the reading/discussion of a book.

Another helpful aspect is to propose practical tips regarding the timing, the setting, and method of implementing the stories among different age groups and patient conditions.

Towards the end of the article, the authors mention "end-of-life doula competencies"; please expand more on these competencies with their references or a checklist if available.

Finally, the format is a new way to address the reader and is nicely presented. It looks more like an opinion paper rather than following a scientific reporting format with supporting evidence & data. A powerful way to convince the reader is to test and report the effectiveness of the proposed stories in reducing death anxiety. Currently, it seems a proposed way that is yet to be supported by scientific evidence. If it was already implemented in some setting, it would be interesting to report the findings so that nurses, physicians, and other members see the evidence.

Hope you find these comments helpful in enhancing clarity.