

THERAPEUTIC IMAGINATION IN CARING FOR CHILDREN & ADOLESCENTS

AND THE POTENTIAL FOR WELLBEING THROUGH THE END OF LIFE

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A developmental approach to caring for seriously ill people enables clinicians to alleviate suffering and foster a sense of life completion and wellbeing. The best care requires competence, shared decision-making, and imagination. Receptive imagination enables clinicians to see the world from a patient's perspective. Generative imagination can identify opportunities that a patient feels are important but may not have considered possible. Cultivating therapeutic imagination enables clinicians to complete a continuum of human caring and foster wellbeing through the end of life.

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