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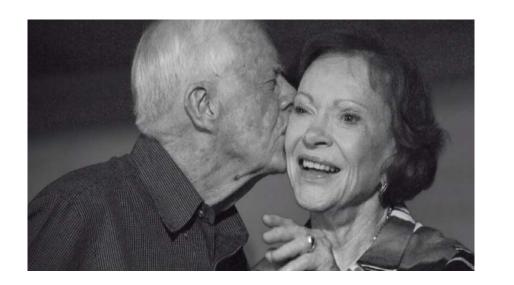
Overview of Talk



- Who are caregivers and why do they deserve our attention?
- What are the challenges faced by caregivers?
- Strategies to ensure caregiver wellbeing.

The benefits of caregiving.

Former First Lady, Rosalynn Carter:





"There are only four kinds of people in the world:

...those who have been caregivers,

...those who are currently caregivers,

...those who will be caregivers,

...and those who will need caregivers."

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By Tom Huth

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Who are Caregivers?

- Formal caregivers
- Informal caregivers
- World Health Organization (WHO) estimates that ~8% of the global population is dependent on others for care:
 - 1/3 US households in 2019 had a caregiver; ~2/3 during COVID-19 pandemic
 - 53 million Americans, ~6 million of whom provide care to patients with cancer
 - Caregivers are predominantly female and providing care to a parent, and over 1/3 provide care to two or more people



What Do the 53 Million U.S. Caregivers Do?



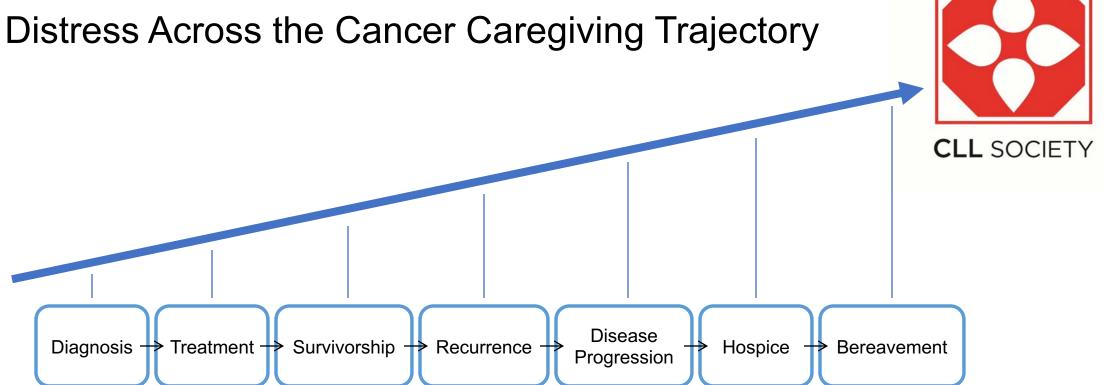
- Assist with activities of daily living (ADLs) and instrumental activities of daily living (IADLs)
- Emotional support
- Nursing support
 - 72% of cancer caregivers and 56% of non-cancer caregivers perform medical/nursing tasks
- On average, caregivers provide care for 8.3 hours/day for 13.7 months; 22% provide care for 41+ hours/week
- Annual economic value of caregiving in the U.S. was recently estimated at \$375 billion
- Caregivers are critical to our healthcare system

Caregiver Burden

- Multi-dimensional
 - Psychological
 - Anxiety
 - Depression
 - Physical/Medical (19% report health is fair/poor)
 - Cardiovascular disease
 - Poor immune functioning
 - Fatigue/sleep difficulties
 - Higher rates of mortality
 - Financial
 - Temporal
 - Existential







Worry among Caregivers



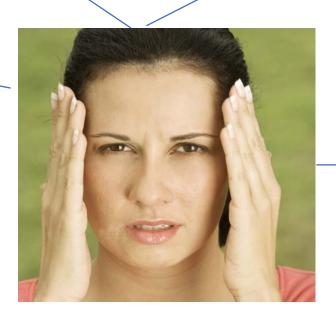
- Chronic worry and rumination commonly experienced by caregivers
- Among 398 caregivers seen in the Caregivers Clinic
 - 86 received initial diagnosis of Generalized Anxiety Disorder
 - 182 received initial diagnosis of adjustment disorder with anxious mood

"How am I going to raise my son as a single mother?"

"He seems more out of breath, the cancer must be spreading..."



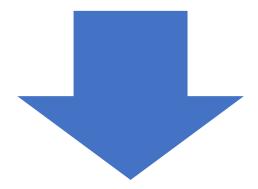
"The look on the doctor's face meant..."



"My boss is going to fire me if I miss work again because of another family emergency..."

Core Conflicts among Caregivers





Self-care

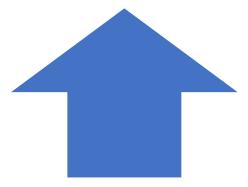
Sadness, anticipatory bereavement

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Hope for the future

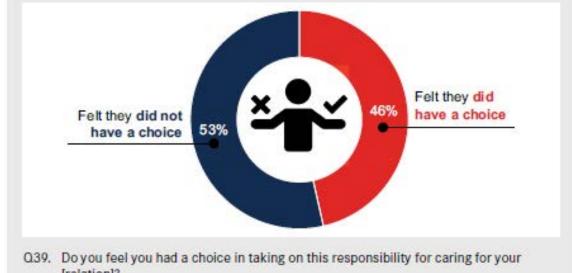
Growing attachment to the patient



National Alliance for Caregiving/AARP, 2021







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2020 Base: Caregivers of Recipient Age 18+ (n=1,392)

Note: Results are rounded and don't know/refused responses are not shown; results may not add to 100 percent.



Self-Care

What is Self-Care?



 Self-care is about being deliberate in taking time for yourself for the betterment of your mind, body and soul.

 Self-care is NOT about being selfish. It is about replenishing and refreshing your spirit in different ways.

When is Self-Care Needed?

- ALWAYS
- When burden is high:
 - No longer able to carry out responsibilities
 - Increased anger
 - More frequent medical problems
 - Poor health-related behaviors
 - Presence of thoughts that life is no longer worth living



Self-Care Tips



- Schedule self-care as you would a medical appointment or work meeting
- Integrate one self-care activity into every day, more on stressful days
- Take an honest look at your current coping strategies
- Think SMALL
- Make sure self-care activities are in line with good sleep hygiene

(Eventually) Experiencing Immediate Well-Being



- Meditation
- Autogenic relaxation/progressive muscle relaxation
- Diaphragmatic breathing

How to Get Help

- Activate support networks
 - Challenge yourself to ask for help
 - Support may come from unlikely sources
- Recognize what is meant by self-care
 - Guilt is a red flag
 - Self-care includes expressing emotions
- Ask the medical team to connect you with professional support





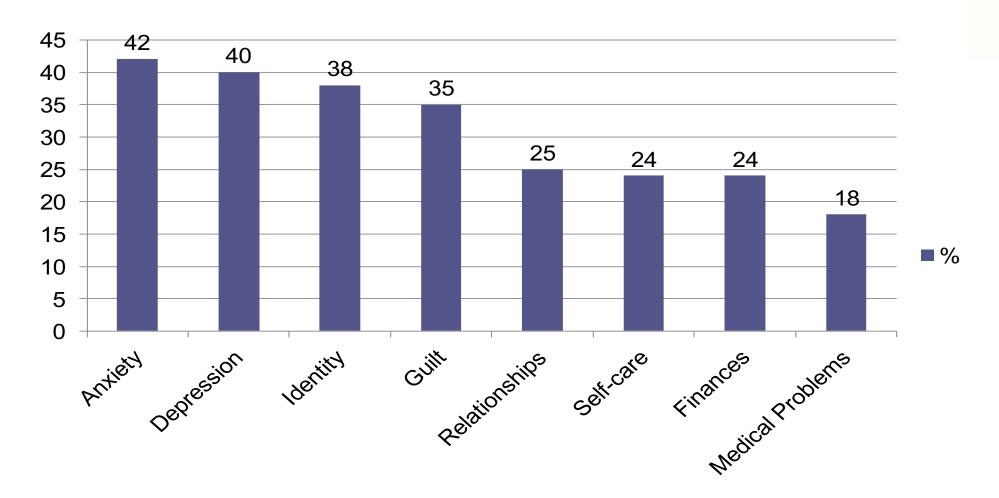
The Benefits of Being a Caregiver





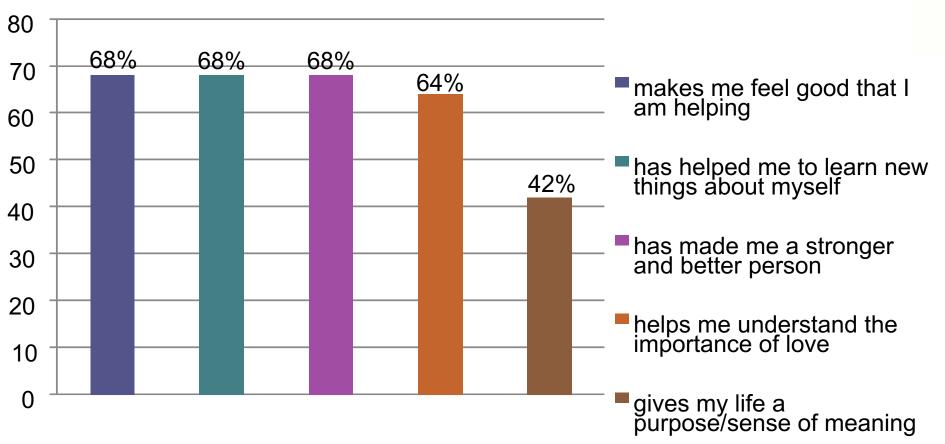
Challenges Faced by Caregivers





Providing Care to a Loved One with Cancer





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