

# Week 8 Discussion: Case Study or Share an Experience (graded)

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## Purpose

This week's graded topics relate to the following Course Outcome (CO).

- CO 2 - Recognize the influence that developmental stages have on physical, psychosocial, cultural, and spiritual functioning. (PO #1)

## Discussion

This week you have two options for your initial discussion post. Select the option that is best for you! Please remember to use and credit the lesson or required NIH website (there was not a textbook reading this week), AND one outside scholarly source.

### Option #1 - Case Study to Consider

Ann and Michael have been married for 55 years. Ann is 80 years-old and suffers from lung cancer and advanced Alzheimer's disease. She currently resides in a nursing home, and often does not recognize Michael when he visits. Last night she was admitted to the hospital with difficulty breathing. Today, you are the nurse caring for Ann, and her physician is suggesting surgery to remove part of her lung to potentially slow the progression of her cancer. Michael is feeling unsure about this course of treatment and asks for your advice and guidance.

How would you respond to Michael and serve as advocate for your patient?

### Option #2 - Share a Related Experience

Share with your classmates a time when you cared for a patient at the end of their life. This may be a time when you assisted the patient (or their support system) with decisions related to end of life care; or a time when you were present for the death of a patient.

What were your observations related to this experience? Do you believe it was a peaceful death? What went well? Can you think of anything that could have made the experience better for the patient and/or family?

Hi Class,

Happy Week

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Thanks in advance for thoughtfully considering one of the three posting options you have for this week. I look forward to one more interesting and engaging discussion.