

Patient', Carer' and Chaplaincy **Experiences through Dialysis**



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The 'Dialysis Chaplain'

Our typical perceptions of what it's like to live with Dialysis for our Patients and their Carers

- Accepting and coping with chronic conditions - no cure
- Accepting disruption of current life
- Dealing with loss of independence and control
- Changes to roles (family, friends, work)
- Re-calibration of long held Values and interests
- Maintaining meaning while working out new identity
- Losing friends on dialysis
- Confronting mortality



“Patients with CKD,
particularly those with ESRD
are among the most symptomatic
of any chronic disease group.”



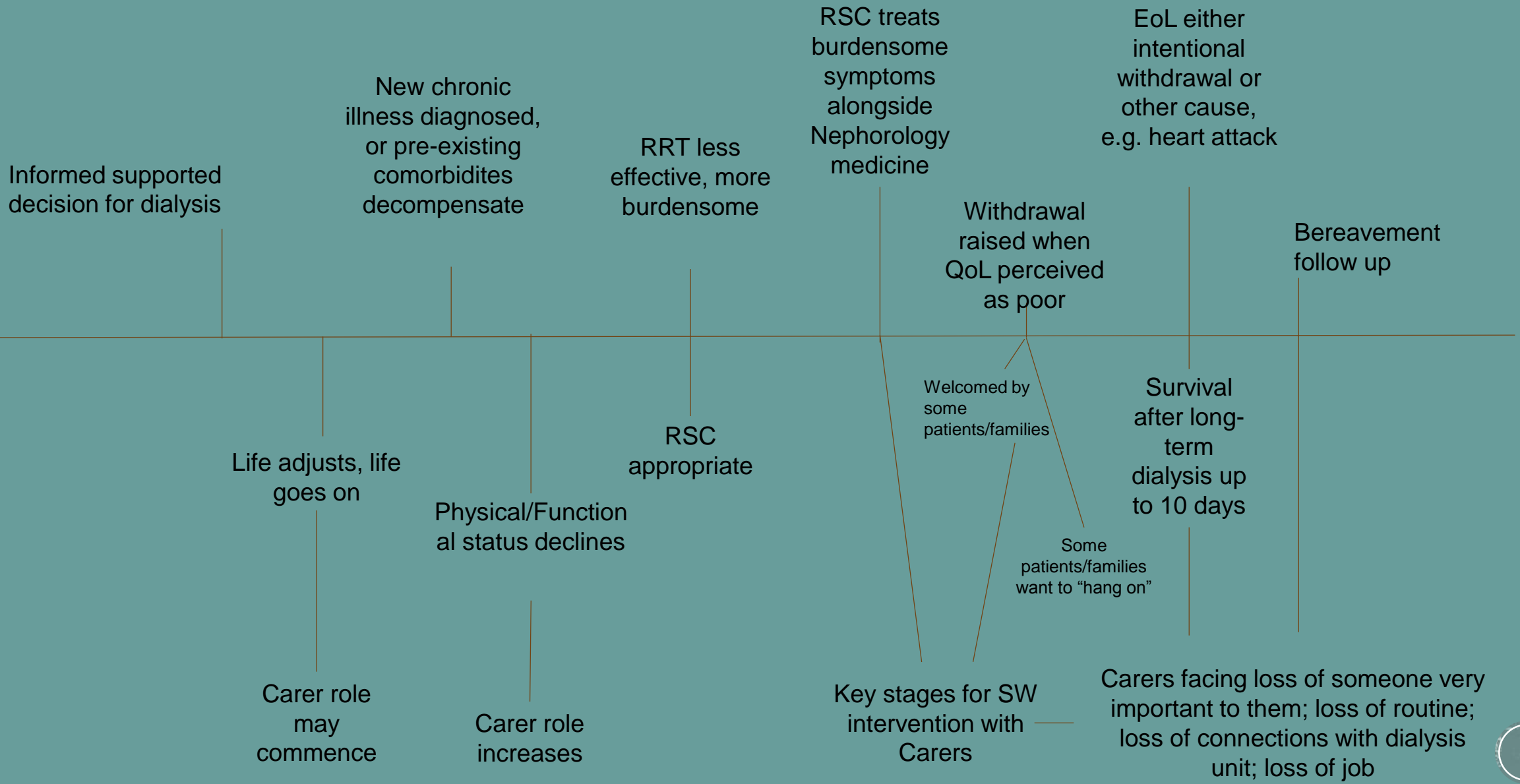


Joe

On his experiences a Husband and Carer of a Dialysis Client

On his wife's experiences as a Dialysis Patient

A 'typical' dialysis client's journey



References

- Murtagh F, Weisbord S. Symptoms in renal disease. In Chambers EJ et al (eds) *Supportive Care for the Renal Patient* 2010, 2nd ed, OUP.
- Please refer to Psychosocial Day Recommended Reading List for more recommendations.

