

# Disclosure of the cancer diagnosis as it relates to the quality of pain management among patients with cancer pain in Taiwan.

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This study was designed to explore: (1) who is responsible for disclosing to Taiwanese cancer patients the diagnosis of cancer, (2) the extent of disclosure, and (3) the relationship between the disclosure of the cancer diagnosis and the quality of cancer pain management as perceived by the patients experiencing cancer pain. One hundred twelve cancer patients with pain were recruited from three teaching hospitals in Taiwan. The major findings in this study were as follows: the majority of the patients with pain (79%) had been informed that the diagnosis was cancer, and for the majority (89%) the disclosure of cancer had been made by their physicians; older patients and those with lower levels of education were less likely to be told that they had been diagnosed with cancer; and patients to whom it was disclosed that the diagnosis was cancer tended to experience lower levels of pain intensity, lower levels of pain interference, and higher levels of satisfaction with pain management provided.