

To describe the scope of home infusion therapy in cancer care, expectations related to caregiver involvement in home infusion therapy, literature addressing the impact upon caregivers, and nursing implications” Gorski (2019).

Abstract:

OBJECTIVES: To describe the scope of home infusion therapy in cancer care, expectations related to caregiver involvement in home infusion therapy, literature addressing the impact upon caregivers, and nursing implications.

DATA SOURCES: Published data on cancer care and home infusion therapy.

CONCLUSION: While the administration of home infusion therapy is not uncommon practice for patients with cancer and is generally well-accepted, there is scant research focused specifically on the impact upon caregivers.

IMPLICATIONS FOR NURSING PRACTICE: Caregiver support not only includes providing instruction in infusion-related tasks but also recognizing the potential impact on the caregiver’s life and offering supportive interventions.

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