**Discussion Topics, Chapter 42, Caring for People With Cancer**

| Topics for Discussion | Learning Objectives |
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| 1. Ann Miller is being treated for breast cancer that has metastasized to their lungs. They are receiving intravenous chemotherapy and radiation treatments. You are a home health aide assisting them with their hygiene and other activities of daily living (ADLs).   1. What side effects of their cancer treatment should you observe for and report to the nurse? 2. What comfort measures can you provide for them should they experience any of these side effects? | 7, 8 |
| 2. Jeanine is a 45-year-old resident of Melody Manor. They have multiple sclerosis and require extensive assistance with ADLs. Jeanine has always been upbeat, pleasant, and seems to really enjoy life. Two weeks ago, they were told they have uterine cancer, and surgery and chemotherapy were recommended for them.   1. What side effects of treatment might Jeanine experience? 2. Jeanine decides they will not have surgery or chemotherapy, and wishes to only have palliative care. How will you support their decision? | 6,7, 8 |
| 3. A friend asks what they should do to avoid “getting cancer” or to “catch it early.”   1. What do you tell them about avoiding cancer? 2. What can you tell them about detecting cancer early? | 3, 4, 5 |