End of Life Care in Nephrology: From Advanced Disease to Bereavement

This book provides practical guidance on end of life management for patients with renal disease.

There is an ever increasing awareness that all patients are entitled to a good quality death and that diagnosing end of life is as important as diagnosing a chest infection. This is particularly true for renal patients where dialysis can be continued and complications treated even when the patient is dying. "End of Life Care in Nephrology" provides practical guidance on all aspects of this difficult field: the clinical state of dying renal patients, how to control their symptoms, and how to help patients and their medical teams discuss difficult issues such as dialysis withdrawal and death. The book highlights how to facilitate good communication between renal and palliative care teams and the theory is illustrated by case histories.