

Re: Progression? Late Stage Stomach Cancer.

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>> *Let's put it this way.*
>> *Maybe others who know the person are reading.*
>> *Making a less personal reference to the person involved also makes it*
>> *easier to remain detached in this discussion. I didn't come here to*
>> *bare my soul. I opened this door purely for objective research.*
>> *A very close dear friend is facing his last days, maybe hours.*
>> *He may be dead by morning.*
>> *I am here to engage in an objective discussion and keep my emotions out*
>> *of it. But here I am non-the-less, getting emotional because of you*
>> *picking nits.*
>> *Don't you have anything better to do than to nit pick about how I choose*
>> *to discuss the experience I am facing?*
>> *Merry Christmas*

A general or a statistician talking about generalities can keep emotion out of discussions. When talking about individuals you know you can't do that because much of the symptomology is heavily influenced by the person's emotional state of mind. The patient may not realise this and that is why it is essential not to make any assumptions or decisions about treatment or otherwise without first discussing things with someone experienced in the field.

It would be tragic if your friend 'topped himself' because his pain was uncontrolled and he thought he was dying when all he needed was Celebrex or Tylenol (sorry , tongue in cheek from other thread)

MIKE