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WHY IS IT DIFFICULT TO TALK ABOUT DEATH?



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Death is paradoxical. No event in life is as foreseeable and yet, somehow, the open discussion of death remains taboo. In healthcare, a conscientious professional should recognize the obligation to openly discuss death as part of one's fiduciary duty to the patient. However, many forces may seem to prevent this even if a clinician is willing. In this presentation I will consider what the source of this taboo may be, whether cultural or professional, and discuss strategies to honestly and compassionately approach this difficult conversation.

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