

## **A pilot study into the incidence of deathbed phenomena in nursing homes and hospices in Hampshire England, and in Rotterdam Holland**

### **ABSTRACT:**

#### **Aim of the study**

Investigate the mental states of the dying in the South of England and in Rotterdam Holland.

#### **Method**

One year prospective and five year retrospective questionnaire and interview study of Carers of the dying. TV, Radio and newspaper request for stories, collected and classified.

#### **Results**

110 carers questioned in 3 UK and 3 Dutch Hospices and Nursing Homes. Characteristics of experiences defined – Death Bed Visions, Transiting to a new reality, Terminal Lucidity, Death Bed coincidences and many phenomena at the time of death e.g. light in the room, shapes seen leaving the body, animals upset and clocks stopping. Experiences were same in Holland and UK.

#### **Conclusion**

End of Life Experiences very common. Carers requested more teaching as not part of present syllabus. Very comforting to the patients. These papers stimulated more research. Early findings confirmed by other studies.

#### **Keywords**

End of life experiences, Deathbed visions, Transcendent reality, Terminal lucidity, Deathbed coincidences, Paranormal experiences at the time of

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