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| **Make a memory: Mourning in different cultures and how to deal with it as a professional caretaker** |
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| **Introduction:** Make a Memory Foundation (The Netherlands) offers parents who suffer the loss of a child (from 23 weeks up to age 16), a photo series of their terminally ill, dying or deceased child. These series are made by a professional photographer and are free of charge. Like many other countries, The Netherlands is increasingly becoming a multicultural society.  Consequently, the photographers who volunteer for the Make a Memory Foundation, have to deal with a wide variety of cultural rituals concerning death on the one hand, and the personal aspects of grief on the other hand.  **Method:** At Utrecht University, we are carrying out a study on the rituals of commemoration of death and mourning in different cultures that are present in The Netherlands.  **Results** We will share the results of this study and elaborate on the recommendations for photographers and other professionals in hospitals on how to deal profoundly with these delicate and sad circumstances.  **Conclusion** We will share the results of this study and elaborate on the recommendations for photographers and other professionals in hospitals on how to deal profoundly with these delicate and sad circumstances. |
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