



Victoria Hospice

Here's what people are saying about
*Transitions in Dying & Bereavement:
A Psychosocial Guide to Hospice and Palliative Care*

"What a lovely book... intelligent and thoughtfully organized... a guided path for professional and lay caregivers alike... *Transitions in Dying & Bereavement* parallels the journey our patients and families take from diagnosis to death and bereavement... an impressive collaborative work from the true experts whose talents, dedication and love for their work shines through on every page."

Maggie Callanan, RN, co-author of *Final Gifts: Understanding the Special Awareness, Needs, and Communications of the Dying*

"*Transitions* is an important and useful resource that will support our efforts in guiding patients and their families through the many complexities associated with the dying and bereavement process. All members of my hospice team will benefit from the empathic wisdom and practical advice offered."

Barry K. Baines, MD, Associate Medical Director, Hospice of the Twin Cities (Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN) and author of *Ethical Wills: Putting your Values on Paper*

"As one of North America's premier providers of palliative care, it is fitting that the Victoria Hospice Society has provided this definitive guide for psychosocial and spiritual care through the end of life. *Transitions in Dying & Bereavement* is a remarkable distillation of the extensive literature relating to psychosocial and spiritual aspects of palliative care. It is a wise and generous resource for clinicians who want to delve deep within the science and art of psychosocial and spiritual care. The science, philosophy and art of care for the whole person and family are found within its covers. Rooted in science and grounded by the practical approach and clinical experience of the authors, *Transitions* is enlivened by narrative vignettes that offer fruits to nurture readers. Clinicians in practice, students and people who are themselves dealing with life-limiting illness will find *Transitions* to be of inestimable value."

Ira Byock, MD, Author of *Dying Well* and *Four Things Before Goodbye* and co-founder, Life's End Institute: Missoula Demonstration Project

"The work of palliative care is only part physical - the greater part of the work comes from dealing with psychological stresses coming out of close relationships with people who are in the painful transition between life and death. The wealth of experience of the Victoria group, their compassion and insight, make this book one that will help its readers become better able to manage the emotional side of the work."

Jimmie C. Holland, MD,
Chair, Department of Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, New York