



Results from an an IRB-approved protocol questionnaire administered on the inpatient, palliative care floor at the Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, MA documented results seen after patients participated in an art session with a COLLAGE artist. Nurses caring for these palliative patients completed questionnaires following their reassessment of a patient (after the COLLAGE session). 100% of responding nurses said that they noticed an "appreciable difference in their patient before and after the COLLAGE artist session in terms of mood, anxiety/distress level, pain level or other indicator of wellbeing". 100% of nurses said they would recommend the COLLAGE artist for their other patients. Some of the many positive comments included: "Patient reports better wellbeing"; "Patient seemed happier, less lonely, less concerned with his own health problems"; "happier"; "cheerier"; "better mood"; "patient more talkative, spirits lifted"; "recommend for all patients"; "great program to help relax and distract patients"; "very kind and compassionate artist".

These results demonstrate a qualitative improvement as assessed by oncology nurses in their patients wellbeing as a direct result of working with a COLLAGE artist. COLLAGE is grateful to the participating nurses for their support for this program as well as to the entire palliative care staff at the Brigham.

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