The emotional and psychological impact of being diagnosed and treated for cancer can be at least as severe as the toll the disease and treatment takes on a patient's physical health.Yet many patients who need and could benefit from professional help, are being left to cope alone.

This editorial looks at the reasons behind this failure of care, and how we can do better to support patients in severe distress.

What do you think?

- Do you assess distress levels in your patients as a matter of routine? If so, how?
- Are there psycho-oncology services you can refer your patients to? If not, what can you offer them if they need help?

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