

„New vision for primary health care and sustainable development“

# THE WEDDING OF THE YEAR. PATIENT'S WISH COMES FIRST

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One of the visits to my consultation room.  
Permission to publish from C. and her family.

## Conclusions

All health professionals from the healthcare centre and the hospital who treated her were overwhelmed by her history and all felt like this is a story to be told, as it gives sense to our everyday work.

Her family event (as it was internally called “the wedding of the year”) became our focus and quite a medical challenge too.

Personalised treatment and care humanisation are key words when it is about patient wellbeing.

## Introduction

85-year old female (C.) with appetite loss three months after the death of her daughter-in-law, due to a breast cancer. C. was firstly diagnosed with anaemia, then with leukaemia and she had a lot of complications. The only wish she expressed was to survive in order to be present at her grandson's wedding (approximately 14 months ahead from her diagnosis), as his mom had passed away.

## The aim of the ePoster

This is to emphasize that our patients know best what their life goals are and we have to be there at their call and try our best to reach them, in terms of what health refers to.

## Methods

Data was extracted from C.'s electronic medical records, with her previous consent.

## Acknowledgements

This is an inspiring case that we wanted to share in order to express our satisfaction for the collaborative work between primary care and our hospital colleagues and in memoriam of C., who was an impressive woman to remind us that love truly "move mountains" (even in medicine!), being the engine of our everyday life.

## Results

C. had lots of hospital admissions in 14-month follow period as she had all types of complications, among them: septic shock due to cholecystitis, respiratory failure due to Covid infection, severe anaemia, atrial fibrillation de novo triggering acute heart failure.

Otherwise, she continued normal life, getting out of the house, doing physical exercise daily to stay in shape and achieve her main goal.

Three days before the wedding she was still hospitalised for cardiac failure and both the cardiologist and the haematologist agreed to a special treatment schedule in order to release her for the weekend and fulfil her dream. And she did it. Although, five months later she passed away, aged 87.



C. at the wedding, permission for publishing from C. and her family

