Figure #7: Domains of Issues Associated with Illness and Bereavement

**DISEASE MANAGEMENT**
- Primary diagnosis, prognosis, evidence
- Secondary diagnoses (e.g., dementia, psychiatric diagnoses, substance use, trauma)
- Co-morbidities (e.g., delirium, seizures, organ failure)
- Adverse events (e.g., side effects, toxicity)
- Allergies

**LOSS, GRIEF**
- Loss
- Grief (e.g., acute, chronic, anticipatory)
- Bereavement planning
- Mourning

**PHYSICAL**
- Pain and other symptoms *
- Level of consciousness, cognition
- Function, safety, aids:
  - Motor (e.g., mobility, swallowing, excretion)
  - Senses (e.g., hearing, sight, smell, taste, touch)
  - Physiologic (e.g., breathing, circulation)
  - Sexual
- Fluids, nutrition
- Wounds
- Habits (e.g., alcohol, smoking)

**PSYCHOLOGICAL**
- Personality, strengths, behaviour, motivation
- Depression, anxiety
- Emotions (e.g., anger, distress, hopelessness, loneliness)
- Fears (e.g., abandonment, burden, death)
- Control, dignity, independence
- Conflict, guilt, stress, coping responses
- Self-image, self-esteem

**SOCIAL**
- Cultural values, beliefs, practices
- Relationships, roles with family, friends, community
- Isolation, abandonment, reconciliation
- Safe, comforting environment
- Privacy, intimacy
- Routines, rituals, recreation, vocation
- Financial resources, expenses
- Legal (e.g., powers of attorney for business, for healthcare, advance directives, last will/ testament, beneficiaries)
- Family caregiver protection
- Guardianship, custody issues

**END OF LIFE CARE/DEATH MANAGEMENT**
- Life closure (e.g., completing business, closing relationships, saying goodbye)
- Gift giving (e.g., things, money, organs, thoughts)
- Legacy creation
- Preparation for expected death
- Anticipation and management of physiological changes in the last hours of life
- Rites, rituals
- Pronouncement, certification
- Perideath care of family, handling of the body
- Funerals, memorial services, celebrations

**PATIENT AND FAMILY Characteristics**
- Demographics (e.g., age, gender, race, contact information)
- Culture (e.g., ethnicity, language, cuisine)
- Personal values, beliefs, practices, strengths
- Developmental state, education, literacy
- Disabilities

**PRACTICAL**
- Activities of daily living (e.g., personal care, household activities, see detailed listing on page 91)
- Dependents, pets
- Telephone access, transportation

**SPIRITUAL**
- Meaning, value
- Existential, transcendental
- Values, beliefs, practices, affiliations
- Spiritual advisors, rites, rituals
- Symbols, icons

* Other common symptoms include, but are not limited to:
  - Cardio-respiratory: breathlessness, cough, edema, hiccups, apnea, agonal breathing patterns
  - Gastrointestinal: nausea, vomiting, constipation, obstipation, bowel obstruction, diarrhea, bloating, dysphagia, dyspepsia
  - Oral conditions: dry mouth, mucositis
  - Skin conditions: dry skin, nodules, pruritus, rashes
  - General: agitation, anorexia, cachexia, fatigue, weakness, bleeding, drowsiness, effusions (pleural, peritoneal), fever/chills, incontinence, insomnia, lymphoedema, myoclonus, odor, prolapse, sweats, syncope, vertigo