

Table 22-6: Common Caregiver Fears

1. That the health of the family or caregiver will suffer.
2. That the patient will be readmitted to the hospital and thereby create a negative perception of the family's ability to provide care.
3. That a crisis will occur at home when no trained professional is on site.
4. That incontinence, sickness, or confusion will cause embarrassment.
5. That the patient will be left out of discussions/decisions regarding care.
6. That the loved one will die at home.
7. That the illness will have negative impact on the family, especially children, yet the patient's desire to see them may be particularly strong at this time.<sup>14</sup>
8. That a diagnosis of HIV/AIDS will be disclosed to others.