“Assessment Of Depression Dimension In Terminally Ill Cancer Patients” is a psycho-social study. It is concerned with the psychological, social, behavioural, physical, ethical aspects of cancer and the coping strategies used by the patients in fighting with the illness. This study addresses two major psychological dimensions of cancer: the psychological response of the patient to cancer at the end stage of life and that of their families and caretakers and the psychological, behavioural and social factors that may influence the disease and its aggravation and abatement.

The aim of the present study is three fold. Firstly understanding the various factors responsible for depression in terminally ill cancer patients, secondly, assessing patients’ coping strategies in different types of distressing situations and thirdly, identifying areas of social work intervention. The ultimate goal of this study is adding life to the days rather than days to the life of the terminally ill cancer patients.