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This thesis addresses the topic of spirituality at the end of life in Dutch Nursing homes. It aims to contribute to the understanding of 'spirituality at the end of life' by introducing a model on the topic. It also describes the daily practice of spiritual caregiving at the end of life to nursing home residents in a Dutch nursing home. Further, the elderly care physicians' perspective on spirituality and on their role in spiritual caregiving to nursing home residents at the end of life is explored. And finally, it presents facilitators for spiritual caregiving in nursing home residents with dementia.



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