

Abstract

Nowadays, with advanced medical technology, cancer may be curable. Especially those patients are young and discover illness at an early stage. However, cancer may affect the time perspective of cancer patients. According to socioemotional selectivity theory, their time perspective may be limited, thus they may focus on attaining satisfactory emotional goals such as staying with families and closet friends in order to maximize the chance of having positive feeling. The present study aims at testing cancer patients' time perspective and social preferences of goals. Although, the result shows that history of cancer may not shorten time perspective because of removal of immediate threat, history of cancer can increase numbers of social significant others and need to attain emotional goals.