Patients’ and caregivers’ contested perspectives on spiritual care for those affected by advanced illnesses: A qualitative descriptive study

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Questionnaire Study on Spirituality in Palliative Care

41/106 patients opted-in to interviews

11 did not proceed (9 died; 1 did not respond; 1 later declined)

30 interviewed: 24 by phone, 5 in hospital, 1 at home by request

Patient data: Initial data analysis (CO)

Qualitative inter-rating (JB, WD, CO)

Final patient analysis: Statement of findings, including themes and categories

Meta-ethnography (synthesis) of patient and caregiver final analyses (CO)

Qualitative inter-rating of synthesized findings (JB, WD, DG, AM, CO): Statement of findings, including higher order themes and categories

17/82 caregiver opted-in to interview

7 did not proceed (did not respond to messages left)

10 interviewed by phone

Caregiver data: Initial data analysis (CO)

Qualitative inter-rating (DG, AM, CO)

Final caregiver analysis: Statement of findings, including themes and categories

Fig. 1. Patient and caregiver data analysis procedure.