Figure 9-3

Theoretical Framework for Study of Hand Wrist Massage to Enhance Comfort and Peacefulness of Death in Persons Near End of Life

**Line 4**  
Health Care + Nursing + Intervening Needs + Interventions Variables → Enhanced Comfort → Health → Institutional Needs

**Line 5**  
Comfort needs of persons near end of life → Hand massage → Age; Gender; K-score; Diagnosis → Comfort near end of life → Peaceful Death → Family satisfaction with care

**Line 6**  
List discomforts on TS → Target components of massage to TS → Demographic data; K score → 49 item End of Life Comfort Questionnaire (EOLCQ); VASs for pain and total comfort → Rating of peacefulness of death by RN → Not measured

Note: **Bold face** indicates operational variables measured in this study (Dowd, Kolcaba & Steiner, 2000).