**Wat Briefing**

Philosophy: befriend the cancer cell and be able to smile back at them.

**History**

--A treatment center for cancer patients.

--Started by Phra Paponpatchara Pibanpaknitee, who had Nasopharyngeal cancer in 1996. He took both conventional and herbal medication along with meditation.

--In 2005, he established this place with intention to treat cancer with herbs.

--Services are free of charge (comes from donations of over 100 million Baht over 6 years). But, patients do have to pay for transportation to the Wat and for one family member to come with them.

--Have treated about 1,900 cancer patients

**Patient Services:**

Treatment Goal: Patients will know the nature of life.

Initially the treatment aims to improve the patients' physical, emotional and spiritual wellbeing. After that, the Monk introduces a traditional herbal therapy that significantly improves the care outcome.

Patients stay at least 2 weeks to learn process of treatment:

 --Thai herbal medicine

 --Adjustment of herbal medicine

 --Adjustment of elements of the body

 --Changing minds

--Herbal Medicine = 11 key herbs used

--Meditation = one-hour meditation course + 9-minute session to prepare for death

--Proper diet/nutrition – macrobiotic

--Physical Exercise = aerobic dance, yoga, and chi kong

--Music

--Laughter therapy

--Modern Medicine (when appropriate)

Survival rates:

--about 50% for 1st and 2nd stage

 --about 12% for second and third stage

**People**

Currently (1/21/13)= 33 patients

Capacity = 60 patients

--There are currently about 5 full-time volunteers staying at the wat.

--There are two monks.

--The patients are mostly cared for by family members and volunteers.

--They have an MOU with Chulalongkorn Faculty of Nursing

**Parts**

1. Front entrance with a large Bhudda statue

2. Registration area

3. Examining rooms

4. Ultrasound room

5. Herbal Sauna Room

6. Healthy Food center

\*\*\*Building a new herb processing building

\*\*\*Have clay homes for patients

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\*\*\*Can read The Nation article: <http://www.nationmultimedia.com/home/2010/07/17/opinion/A-peaceful-path-to-the-final-curtain-30133959.html>

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