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Crisis Standard of Care: Ten Years of Lessons Learned about Ethical Triage - But Are We Ready?

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What we should be doing all of the time

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What we should be doing all of the time

• Honoring patient goals, values and wishes
  • Advance Care Planning discussions and documentation

• Making evidence-based treatment recommendations
  • Not offering non-beneficial interventions
Advance Care Planning

It’s Time to Talk About Death

The coronavirus pandemic highlights how much we need to have conversations about end-of-life care.

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Advance Care Planning Resources

Your Choices - Advance Care Planning

One day you may be in a position where you cannot make medical decisions because of an accident or severe illness. It can be difficult to think about not being able to make these decisions on your own. The UC Health prepare program can help you make the best decisions for your health care by providing you with a step-by-step program with video stories to help you:

- Have a voice in YOUR medical care
- Talk with your doctors
- Give your family and friends peace of mind
- Fill out an advance directive form to put your wishes in writing.
Non-beneficial Interventions

- **Non-Beneficial Intervention:** A medical treatment or procedure that is not expected to achieve its physiologic and/or medical goal. An intervention is considered to be non-beneficial when one of more of the following occurs:
  - Intervention only serves to prolong the active dying process
  - Intervention has the potential to cause injury, pain, or suffering disproportionate to the expected benefit
  - Intervention violates the patient’s expressed wishes and goals of care
  - Other scenarios where the intervention is not expected to achieve its physiologic and/or medical goals of treatment
Why now?

The Importance of Addressing Advance Care Planning and Decisions About Do-Not-Resuscitate Orders During Novel Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19)

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Resources

• Curtis JAMA article on Advance Care Planning: https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jama/fullarticle/2763952
• Prepare for Your Care: https://prepareforyourcare.org/welcome
• NYT article: https://www.nytimes.com/2020/03/27/opinion/covid-end-of-life.html