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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

The New York Times

It's Time to Talk About Death

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

By **Sunita Puri, M.D.**

Dr. Puri is the author of [“That Good Night: Life and Medicine in the Eleventh Hour.”](#)

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Advance Care Planning Resources

The screenshot shows the UCHealth MyChart interface for Advanced Care Planning. The top navigation bar is maroon and contains the UCHealth logo, a user profile for Jean, and icons for Health Record, Tools, Appointments, Messaging, Billing, and Settings. Below the navigation bar, the page title is "Your Choices - Advance Care Planning". To the right, there is a "Helpful Links" section with a printer icon and a link that says "I want to choose my medical decision maker".



One day you may be in a position where you cannot make medical decisions for yourself because of an accident or severe illness. It can be difficult to think about not being able to make decisions for yourself.

The screenshot shows the homepage of prepareforyourcare.org. The page has a yellow and orange color scheme. The main heading is "PREPARE™ for your care". Below this, there is a link for "PREPARE COVID-19 Resources". In the top right corner, there is a "Sign in" button and a "Español" language option.

PREPARE is 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.



Click the video above to learn more.

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



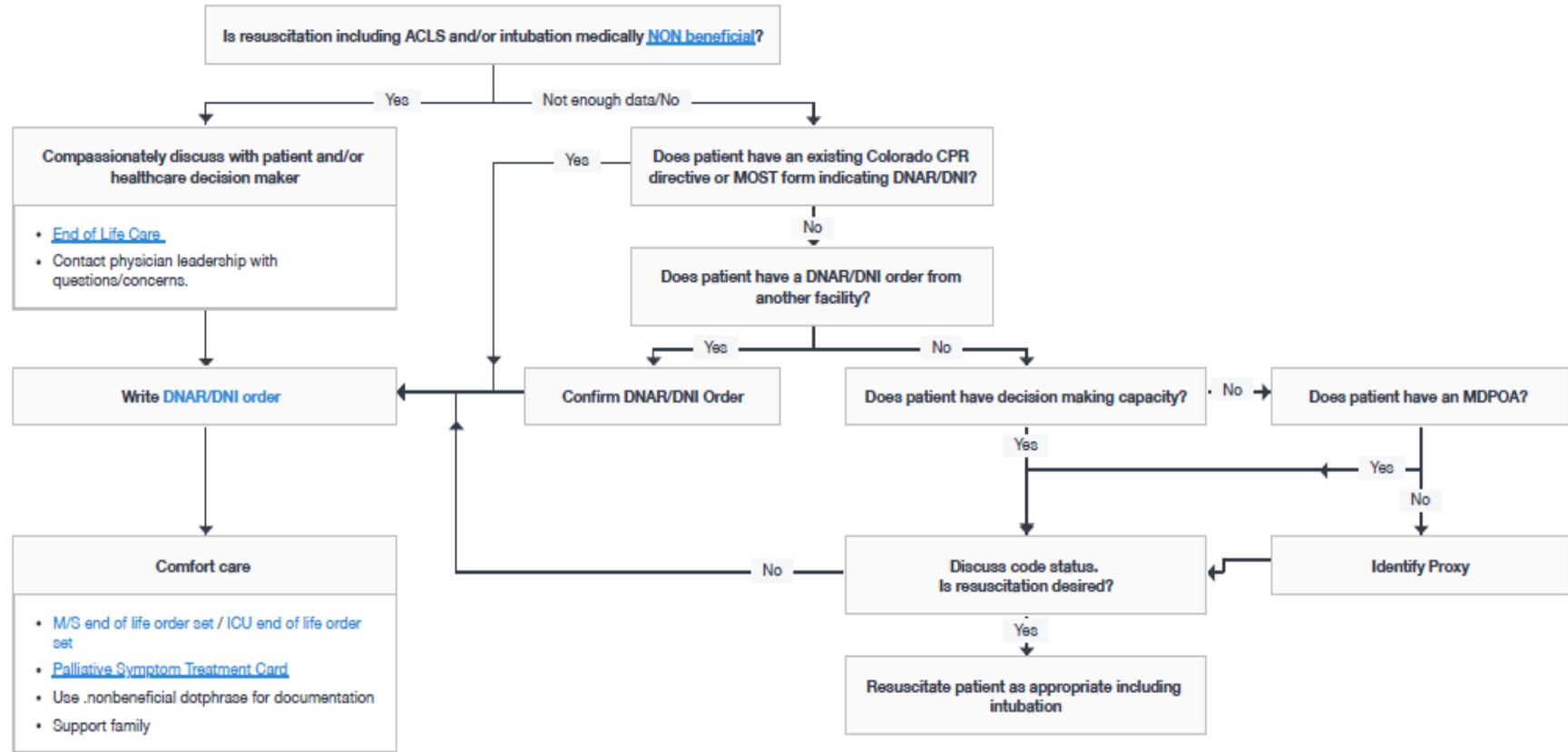
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Resources

- <https://www.ama-assn.org/system/files/2019-06/code-of-medical-ethics-chapter-5.pdf>
- 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>