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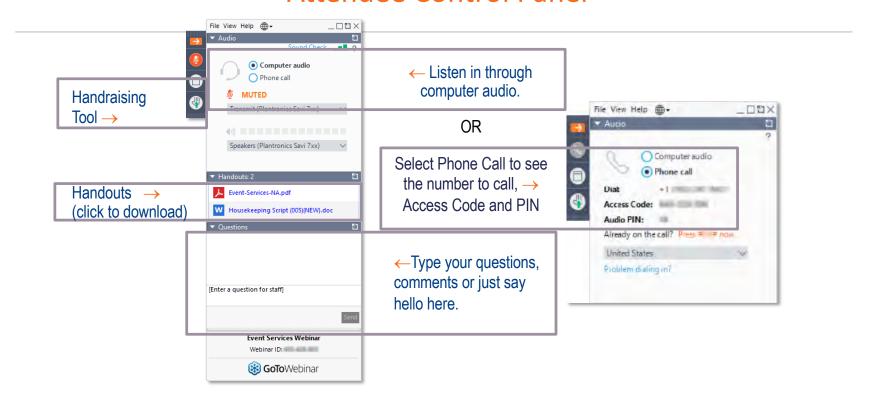






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Advance Care Planning & Medical Orders

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ACP Webinar Series – Three sessions

ACP - 101

Purpose and process of ACP. Emphasis on normalizing & encouraging attendees to complete own. 2 types: DPOAHC and HC Directive and duties of declarant and agent. Relevant state laws governing execution

ACP-201

Principles guiding clinicians in carrying out advance care plans. Details difference between capacity and competency, shared decision-making, substituted judgement, and best interest principles.

ACP and Medical Orders

Role of standardized medical order sets in relation to ACP. Addresses advanced illness medical order sets (POLST) and "accelerated" ACP for use in health crisis or pandemics.



Objectives - Session 3

Differentiate

... medical orders from advance directives

Identify

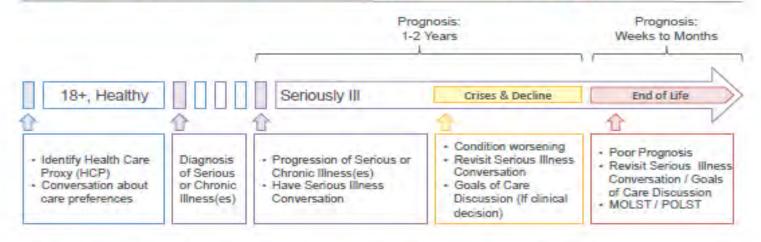
... resources and tools for clinicians in facilitating accelerated ACP

Improve

... the role of the clinician as capacity diminishes



Advance Care Planning Terminology



Advance Care Planning = Planning in Advance of Serious Illness

Serious Illness Care Conversation = Planning in the context of progression of serious illness

Goals of Care Discussion = Decision making in context of clinical progression / crisis / poor prognosis







Goals for Advance Care Planning

Map out plans for future care

Best before a crisis

Encourage conversations with family and loved ones.

Clarify diagnosis, prognosis and life expectancy

Educate

Identify individual's values - explore using lay language, not clinical



Components of Goals of Care Discussion

Introductions

Take the emotional pulse/empathize

Emotional will not be able to listen to the cognitive

Clarify the purpose of the meeting

- Define why everyone is meeting
- Discuss why this meeting is important
- Include that this is about the planning for future medical care.



Clarify and Conclude

Don't force a decision

Start with the basics: DNR, feeding tubes

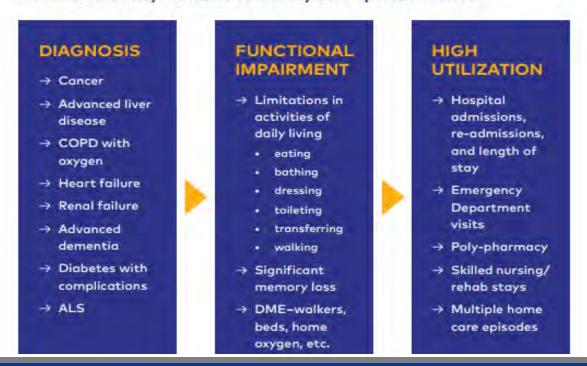
Restate "as I understand you, it sounds like you want___ and do not want ___. Is that correct?

Based on my understanding of your values and goals and what I think is best, my plan will be to _____. Is that OK?



We know who they are: Identifying Seriously III population

FIGURE 9: Three Key Variables to Identify the Population in Need



CAPC: Serious Illness Strategies for Health Plans and Accountable Care Organizations, 2017



Assessing life expectancy

Functional predictors: impairment in ADL

Cognitive predictors: moderate to severe dementia

Nutritional predictors: weight loss, fluid accumulation, sarcopenia

Patients self-report

Critical Illness in patients with moderate to severe debility=high mortality.

Functional Trajectories









^{*} Adapted from Field, M. J. & Cassel, C. K. (Ed.). (1997) Approaching Death: Improving care at the end of life. Division of Health Care Services. Institute of Medicine. Washington D.C.: National Academy Press.



Debility and Critical Illness

More than half died within 1 month or experienced significant functional decline over the following year with poor outcomes in those who had high levels of pre-morbid disability.

Does decisions for ICU make sense when we know the outcome is the same?

Ferrante et al: studied functional trajectories in older adults both prospectively and following admission to an ICU



Medical Order Sets and POLST

Use as a guide or outline for conversation

Code Status

yes / no...and more

Degree of Medical Interventions

• Full, Selected and Comfort (always)

Additional Orders

Nutrition



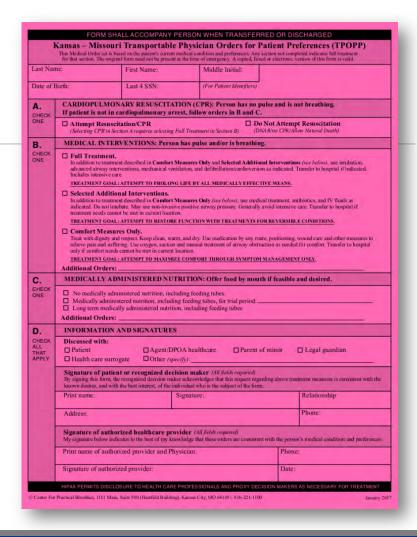
What is POLST/TPOPP?

Transportable Physician Orders for Patient Preferences/Physician Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment

A uniform order set for seriously ill and medically frail patients

- Section A: Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation
- Section B: Medical Interventions
- Section C: Medically Administered Nutrition

Designed to transport with the patient across care settings





Advance Directive vs. TPOPP/POLST

Advance Directive: "Living Will" health care directive and agent appt.	TPOPP/POLST
Initiated by adult individual (majority age) to name person to speak for them when no longer capable and to state values and treatment preferences. Directives are statements by individuals (witnessed or notarized)	Initiated by healthcare authorized healthcare provider to execute medical order set designed for those with chronic progressive illness or frailty Medical orders or executed by medical providers
Complete for future	Applies to person's current situation. Medical orders for now.
Becomes effective when decision-making capacity is lost	Not conditional on decision- making capacity
May not be available in all settings	Accompanies patient across settings



Evidence for aggressive rescue measures

CPR

- Survival rate about 17% in-hospital.
- Survival rate 7.5% outside hospital (community setting)
- Of those who survive CPR in long term care >99% die within 120 days.

Mechanical Ventilation

• short term effective, long term - high morbidity and mortality.



Evidence for aggressive rescue measures

2019 JAGS Study on OHDNR CPR attempts in Adults >80

- Death rate prior to discharge for "appropriate" group 97%
- 99.4% for "uncertain" group, and 97.9% for "inappropriate" group
- Mortality rate prior to discharge for nursing home residents 100%.(107/590)

Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation in Adults Over 80: Outcomes and the Perception of Appropriateness by Clinicians, P Druwe, et.al., JAGS 00:1-7, 2019.



Evidence

As a rule, tube feedings do not prolong life and may cause more complications.

Withholding artificial nutrition is neither painful nor uncomfortable. People adapt physiologically to decreases intake of food and fluid

Dehydration has a sedating effect.

IV Hydration-at EOL can increase suffering, (fluid accumulation in tissues and increased secretions).

Antibiotics can cause complications and may not be palliative.

• Pneumonia can be managed through comfort measures



Ethics during a crisis (pandemic or CSC)

Hospitals and physicians will need to balance individual needs of each patient and larger needs of community.

Decision to not institute aggressive rescue treatment is ethically allowable as is withdrawal of treatment when it does not achieve goal

Emotionally difficult for families to withdrawal treatment

The fact that we are facing a crisis is an ethical lesson.

Allowing for a natural death.

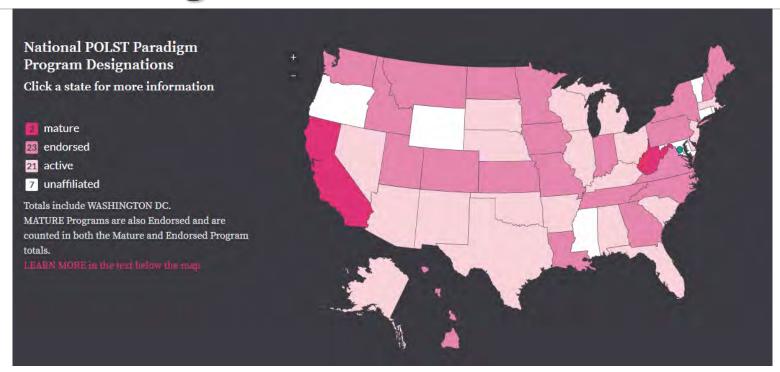


Goals of Care discussions Accelerated ACP and Medical Order Sets

RESOURCES



POLST Programs Nationwide



Accessed on 10/08/19 at http://polst.org/programs-in-your-state/



Resources and Tools: Types and Kinds

ACP Discussion guides and prompts (designed for consumers)

Decision Aids about particular treatment preferences

Provider Facilitated discussions to clarify goals of care

Medical Orders and specific instructions

Documentation/Recording mechanisms (MyDirectives®)

Caring Conversations® COVID-19 Tip Sheet



Clinical Guides

POLST/TPOPP Clinical Guides and Training materials (Videos, workshops, webinars, etc.)

Updated references to related clinical research

Incorporation of Ariadne Labs Serious Illness Care Planning conversation guide language

Available through tpopp@practicalbioethics.org





Tools and Resources

CAPC COVID-19
RESPONSE
RESOURCES

COVID READY
COMMUNICATION
FROM VITALTALK

POLST AND COVID-19

WORKING WITH
FAMILIES FACING
UNDESIRED
OUTCOMES (SWHPN)



Tools and Resources

A decision aid for patients considering life support at a time of COVID-19 Univ of CO

Caring Conversations





The following Tools and Resources are designed for use during times of **Crisis Standards**

Clinician Guides:

- Goals of Care
 Conversations and
 Decision Aids
- For distribution to participants

CONVERSATION STRUCTURE



Clinician Guide: Goals of Care Conversation with Non-Medically Frail Individuals during times of crises

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CONVERGATION STRUCTURE	GAIN EL LANGUAGE
Set up conversation.	"I'm very sorry that you have COVID-19. I want to talk to you about how you are feeling."
Assess understanding. Provide education.	"Tell me what you know about how COVID-19 can affect individuals even when they are healthy."
Identify preferences.	"You are right/Well actually, COVID-19 is a viral illness. There is not a known cure. It can be a mild flu-like illness with fever, sore throat, cough, and muscle soreness. However, some people need to be in the hospital to get oxygen and other medicines. While this is all most healthy people need, we know that even healthy people can get critically ill and develop respiratory failure where you are not able to breathe on your own. If this happens to you, this means going to the ICU. You would have a tube is put in your mouth, down your throat, and into your windpipe. This tube is connected to a breathing machine called a ventilator. The hope would be the ventilator can support your lungs while giving your body time to recover from COVID-19. Would you be okay with this?
	If yes, proceed to next box.
	If no, rephrase "If you develop respiratory failure and choose not to go on a ventilator, you will pass away. We would give you medicines and oxygen to keep you from suffering, but you would die. When you hear this, tell me more about your thoughts."
Identify health care surrogate.	"Tell me who is the person you want the doctors and nurses to communicate with and help make further decisions with us should you not be able to communicate." Get name and phone number of named surrogate.
	"It would be helpful to complete a form naming this person as a healthcare durable power of attorney (DPOA)."
	If they do have DPOA, ensure we have copy.
	If not and is agreeable to complete one, complete one with the patient.
Relay information to surrogate and document wishes.	"I'm going to call and let your surrogate know what we discussed. Is that okay? I'm also going to write it in your medical record, so all the doctors and nurses know what you want should you get sicker from COVID-19 which we all are very much hoping won't be the case."
Offer chaplain support.	"I know this time can be really scary. Our chaplains would like to call and provide support. May I ask a chaplain to call you?"

SAMPLE LANGUAGE



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Conversation Structure	Sample Language
Set up conversation.	"I'm very sorry that you have COVID-19. I want to talk to you about how you are feeling."
Assess understanding. Provide education.	"Tell me what you know about how COVID-19 is affecting people like yourself that have other serious medical problems or are older."
	"You are right/Well actually, COVID-19 is a viral illness. There is not a known cure. We know it is particularly serious in patients like you. While it can be a mild flu-like illness with fever, sore throat, cough, and muscle soreness; it can be much more than this. I wish this weren't the case, but I worry you could get sick very quickly and may even be at risk of dying within a short period of time."
Identify preferences for hospitalization if in a community setting.	"There are some people who are ok being in the hospital and getting oxygen and other medicines to support them in the hopes that your body will be able to recover from the viral illness. Would you be okay with this?" If yes, proceed to next box.
	If no, reflect "I understand. We can always use medicines and oxygen to make sure you aren't uncomfortable. For most people, this will mean using hospice to make sure you aren't suffering."
Discuss medical recommendation about life support and code status. Clarify preferences.	"If you were to get a lot sicker from COVID-19 despite medicines and oxygen, there may come a time when you are not able to breathe on your own. If this happens, unfortunately this means that you will likely die from COVID-19. Going to the ICU and placing you on a life support machine called a ventilator or attempting CPR is very unlikely to help you at that point, so I would recommend not doing those things. What I would recommend is that we use medicines to ensure that you are comfortable and not suffering. Does that make sense?" If yes, proceed to next box.
	If no, reflect "I understand. There are some people who want to live as long as possible no matter what their life looks like. Is that how you feel?"
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CONVERSATION STRUCTURE	SAMPLE LANGUAGE
Set up conversation.	"I'd like to check-in to see how you're doing during this stressful time of COVID-19. Is that ok?"
Assess understanding. Provide education.	"Tell me what you know about how COVID-19 is affecting people like yourself that have other serious medical problems or are older." "You are right/Well actually, COVID-19 is a viral illness. There is not a known cure. We know it is particularly serious in patients like you. While it can be a mild flu-like illness with fever, sore throat, cough, and muscle soreness; it can be much more than this. I wish this weren't the case, but I worry that if you contract this virus you could get sick very quickly and may even be at risk of dying within a short period of time."
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Code Status Decision Aid during Crises

If your heart stops and you are not breathing, there are two options of medical care. We know that for individuals with COVID-19, the likelihood of surviving if your heart stops is extremely low. For most individuals who have other serious medical problems or are older, not attempting CPR is the right medical decision. For individuals that do not have other serious medical problems, attempting CPR might be the right option. Talk to your doctor about their recommendations. Talk to your loved ones about your wishes. Below helps you walk through what each option means.

What are your options?	Attempt CPR	Do Not Attempt CPR
What is it?	CPR is done by health care workers and includes: Pushing on your chest (chest compressions) Electric shocks and IV medicines If your heart restarts, a tube is put in your mouth, down your throat, and into your windpipe. This tube is connected to a breathing machine called a ventilator.	CPR is not provided.
What does it do?	Attempts to restart your heart and breathing.	Not providing CPR allows a natural death.
What are the benefits?	CPR may restart your heart and breathing.	Avoids machines.
What are the short-term burdens?	If CPR restarts your heart, you will need to be in the ICU. With the tube down your throat, you cannot speak or swallow. You may need medicine to keep you sedated. You may have pain or broken ribs from chest compressions. If CPR is not able to restart your heart and breathing, you will die.	You will die.
What are the long-term burdens?	You may not be able to get off the ventilator. You may have mild to severe brain damage. You may never be able to return home.	You will die.
Which option best fits with your values?	Your Values	Your Values
	You want the chance to live longer. You are willing to take the chance that your death may occur even with CPR. You are willing to have discomfort and be in the ICU. You are willing to take the chance that your death may be on machines. You accept that your death may be the result of coming off machines if the machines are not able to improve your condition.	You wish to allow a natural death. You do not want to be on machines at the hospital.

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Life Support Decision Aid during Crises

If you are not able to breathe on your own, there are two options of medical care. For some, going on a ventilator as a form of life support is the right decision. Others would not want to risk being on machines for end-of-life care. If you have other serious medical problems or are older, the likelihood of surviving this illness if you go on a ventilator is low. Talk to your doctor about their recommendations. Talk to your loved ones about your wishes. **Below helps you walk through what each option means**.

What are your options?	Ventilator/Life Support	Comfort Measures	
What is it?	A tube is put in your mouth, down your throat, and into your windpipe. This tube is connected to a breathing machine called a ventilator.	Medicines and oxygen to lessen shortness of breath, pain, anxiety, and suffering to allow for a natural death.	
What does it do?	Pushes oxygen into your lungs.	It helps with your symptoms. It does not treat your illness.	
What are the benefits?	May allow you to recover. May allow you to live longer.	Avoids machines. Helps keep you comfortable as your body is passing away. For some people, this means you are able to be cared for at home by your loved ones and hospice.	
What are the short-term burdens?	With the tube down your throat, you cannot speak or swallow. You may need medicine to keep you sedated. You will need to be in the ICU.	Medicines may make you feel drowsy.	
What are the long-term burdens?	You may not be able to get off the ventilator. Your health may get worse, other problems may occur, and you may die.	You will die.	
Which option best fits with your values?	Your Values	Your Values	
	You want the chance to live longer. You are willing to have discomfort and be in the ICU. You are willing to take the chance that your death may be on machines. You accept that your death may be the result of coming off machines if the machines are not able to improve your condition.	You do not want to be on machines at the hospital. You wish to allow a natural death.	
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