

Chart Review: End of Life Care
Hospital

Facility	Date	Reviewer
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Directions: Review charts of the last 20 patients who died in your facility. If a particular Advance Care Planning element does not apply to a patient, print 'NA' over Y/N. Use additional copies of the Chart Review tool as needed. Though this is a very basic review, it will provide a starting point for improving advance care planning in your facility.

Abbreviations: HCD - Health Care Directive HCA - Health Care Agent ACP - Advance Care Planning

Patient #	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10										
Patient ID																				
1. Determined if patient had a health care directive (HCD) on admission.	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N
2. Patient provided education about formulating a HCD.	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N
3. Patient offered opportunity to develop a HCD.	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N
4. Patient's decision-making capacity assessed and documented.	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N
5. Health care agent (HCA), i.e., primary decision-maker, identified and documented in record.	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N
6. Provider talk re: risk and benefits of declining treatment with patient's care preferences documented.	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N
7. Patient's/HCA's choices related to treatment and care incorporated into the medical record and orders.	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N
8. HCD and patient's care goals located in same section of clinical record and easily retrieved by staff.	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N
9. Care preferences periodically reviewed with changes in patient's condition.	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N
10. The care and services received by the patient's are consistent with his/her documented care preferences.	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N

Provide brief description of patient's pertinent medical history and situation immediately prior to death. Consider missed opportunities for advance care planning.

Patient 1:

Patient 2:

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Patient 3:

Patient 4:

Patient 5:

Patient 6:

Patient 7:

Patient 8:

Patient 9:

Patient 10:

Observations:

What changes could potentially improve advance care planning in your facility:

Reference:

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