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Restate the steps to proper advance care planning
Paraphrase the ever-changing paradigm of the physician-patient relationship
Describe the roles Appointed Guardian, Guardian Advocate, Health Care Surrogate, Proxy by Statute, DPOA

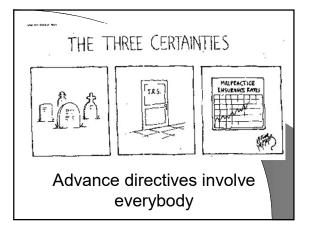
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... Objectives

- Define new terms e.g. Ethical will, Affidavit of Health Care Proxy, POLST, MAID, DNAR, AND
- Apply knowledge of Advance care planning to various clinical case scenarios











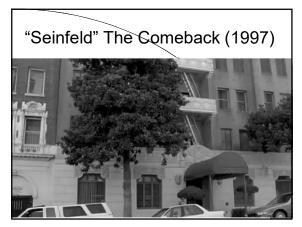
Patient Self Determination Act

- □ The patient with decision-making capacity may refuse unwanted medical treatment, even if this may result in their death (even in cases where the individual does not have lifethreatening illness).
- Patients who lack capacity to make the decisions at hand have the same rights as those who have capacity (through authorized surrogate decision makers).

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Health care Surrogate vs. Proxy

- "Proxy" A competent adult who has not been expressly designated to make health care decisions for a particular incapacitated individual, but who is authorized pursuant to FS765.401 to make healthcare decisions for an individual.
- "Surrogate" Any competent adult expressly designated by a principal to make decisions on behalf of the principal upon the principal's incapacity.



Role of the proxy/surrogate

- Entrusted to speak for the patient
- □ Involved in the discussions
- □ Must be willing, able to take the proxy role
- "Substituted Judgment Standard" what the patient would want under the circumstances
- □ If there is no indication what the principal would have chosen, the surrogate may consider the patient's best interest in deciding what proposed treatments are to be withheld or withdrawn.

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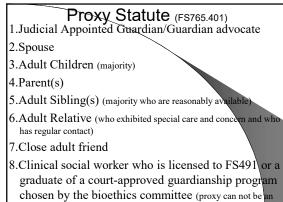
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New Provision in the Florida Health Care Surrogate Law

- □ A principal may stipulate that the authority of the surrogate to receive health information or make health decisions (or both) is exercisable immediately without the necessity for a determination of capacity as provided in 765.204
- □ If disagreement between principal and surrogate, the principal overrides surrogate







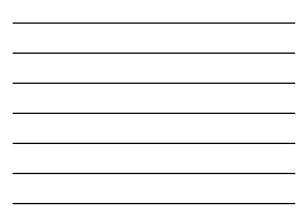
employee of the medical provider/facility)

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□ Florida statutes allows a Guardian Advocate to be appointed as a less intrusive and costly alternative to full guardianship. However, it is only available for persons with a developmental disability (as explained in Chapter 393,FS) or a person with mental illness (as explained in Chapter 394,FS).





Patient and proxy education

- Define key medical terms
- Describe possible situations and outcomescommon and severe
- □ Instead of citing statistics on risks (pneumonia,infection, stroke, etc.), explain what may happen if things go well or go badly

Explain benefits, burdens of treatments

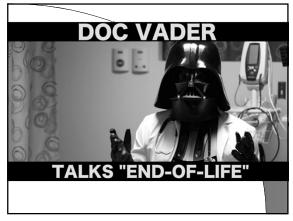
- -Life support may only be short-term
- Any intervention can be refused
- -Recovery cannot always be predicted



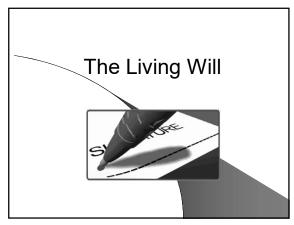
REMEMBER: IMPLIED CONSENT!

The patient and physician need to realize that not wishing to complete an advance directive is the same as consenting to all possible treatment in an emergency situation including electrocardioversion, intubation, and ventilation

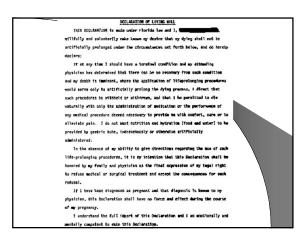
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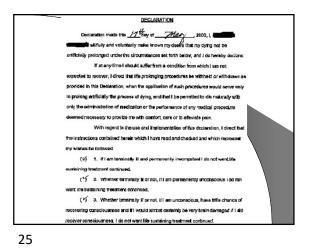
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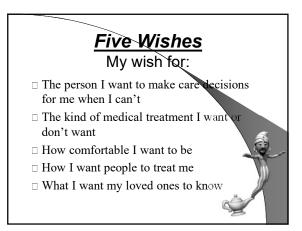




performance of any medical procedure deemed necessary to provide no with comfort care or the alleviate pain. I DO (X) I DO NOT () desire that nutrition and hydration (food and water) be withheld or withdrawn when the application of such procedures would serve only to prolong artificially the process of dying.



(*U*) 1. If I am terminally ill and permanently incompetent I do not want life sustaining treatment continued.
(*U*) 2. Whether terminally ill or not, if I am permanently unconscious I do not want life sustaining treatment continued.
(*U*) 3. Whether terminally ill or not, if I am unconscious, have little chance of recovering consciousness and if I would almost certainly be very brain damaged if I did recover consciousness, I do not want life sustaining treatment continued.



Ethical Will (Zava'ah)

The ethical will is a document designed to pass ethical values from one generation to the next.



The original template for its use came from Genesis 40:1-38. A dying Jacob gathered his sons to offer them his blessing and to request that they bury him not in Egypt, but instead in Canaan in the cave at Machpelah with his ancestors.

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The purpose of the ethical will is pass on wisdom and love to future generations.

- Cultural and spiritual values
- Blessings and expressions of love for, pride ht, hopes and dreams for children and grandchildren
- Life-lessons and wisdom of life experience
- □ Requests for forgiveness for regretted actions
- □ Rationale for philanthropic and personal financial decisions
- □ Stories about the meaningful "stuff" for heirs to receive
- Clarification about and personalization of health directives
- □ Requests for ways to be remembered after death.

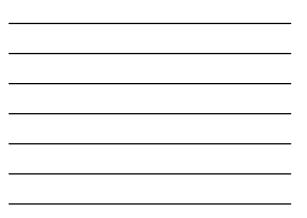
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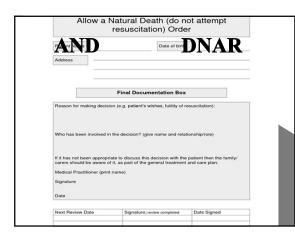
Advance Directive Documents

- □ Last Will and Testament (DPOA)
- □ Living Will (HCS)
- Ethical Will
- □ Florida DNRO (yellow form)
- □ CMO/AND
- □ POLST/MOLST

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POLST (Physician's Orders for Life- Sustaining Treatment)

Oregon's registry for people who have made decisions about what kind of medical treatment they want in a life-threatening situation.

The POLST program has been around for two decades and was created to go further than standard "Do Not Resuscitate" orders in making hospitals aware of people's end-of-life wishes.

The registry was just instituted in 2009 to help streamline communication among medical professionals about POLST, especially in crisis situations. Since then, several other states have created similar programs.

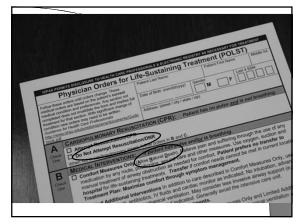
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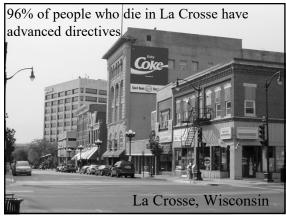
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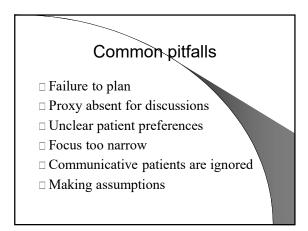
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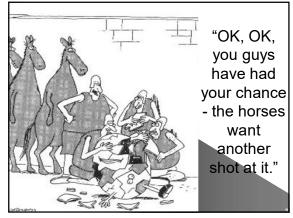


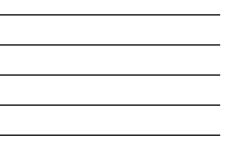


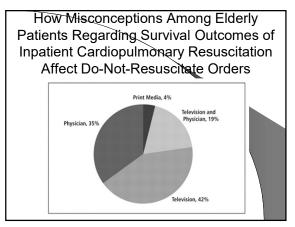




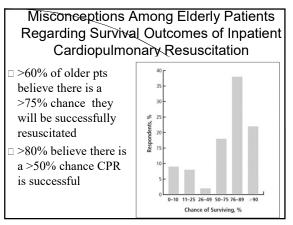










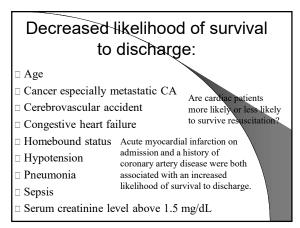




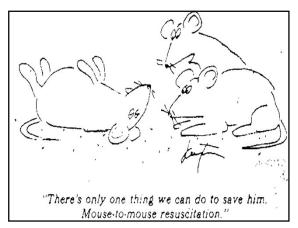
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Facts regarding code survival and outcomes Code success can be reported as high as 60% (13-60%), but large studies regarding overall survival to discharge range from 12-17% (3-22%) for all populations Patients with metastatic cancer have a 6.2% survival to discharge rate. If condition is deteriorating in hospital, survival drops to 0% (<u>Cancer 2001, 92:1905-8012</u>) Study of 434,000 Medicare pts found those 85 and older had a 6% chance of surviving hospitalization Over 50% will die within a year post arrest. Cardiac arrest in community and nursing facilities have similar outcomes and about 1/2 to 1/3 of the success of a hospital setting.

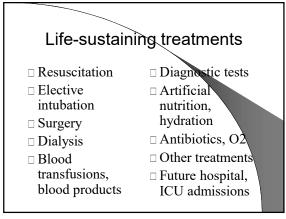




Despite initiatives to require discussion of Advanced Directives with patients on hospital admission, the DNR order is written on approximately 3-4% of the hospitalized patients in U.S.





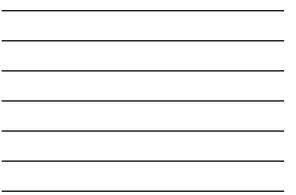


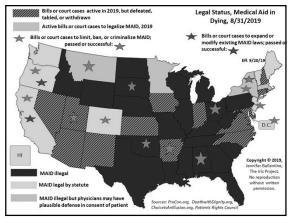














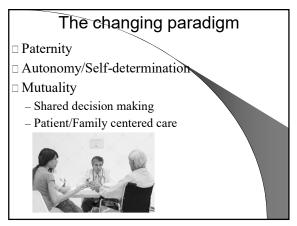
Determining capacity to give informed consent

- □ Problem treatment would address
- What is involved in the treatment / procedure
- What is likely to happen if the patient decides not to have the treatment
- \Box Treatment benefits
- □ Treatment risks (common and severe)
- □ Other options/alternatives

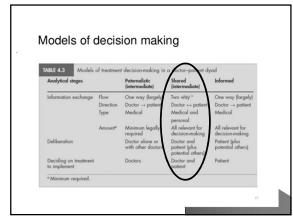
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Special Circumstances: Health Care Surrogate Limitations

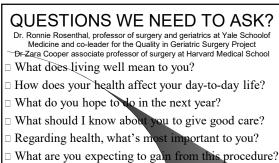
- □ Making End of Life Decisions Without Clear Advanced Directives(Living Will) –degree of certainty varies by state
- □ Termination of Pregnancy
- Electro Convulsive Therapy
- Futile Care











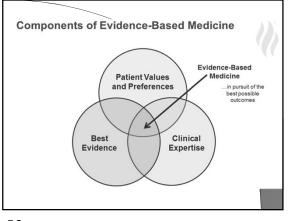
- □ What conditions or treatments worry you the most?
- □ What abilities are so critical to you that you can't

imagine living without them?

"Older patients, it turns out, often have different priorities than younger ones. More than longevity, in many cases, they value their ability to live independently and spend quality time with loved ones"

Dr. Clifford Ko, professor of surgery at UCLA's David Geffen School of Medicine

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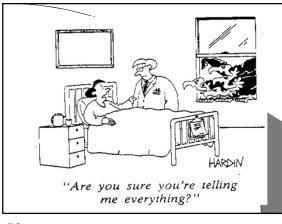


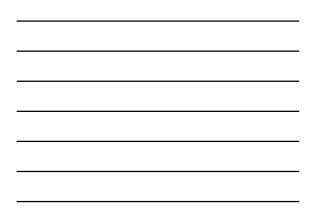


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Communication is the key

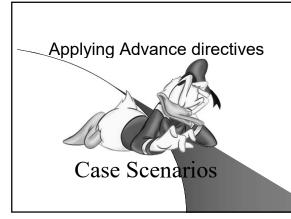
- Many conflicts occur because of lack of communication between medical staff, patient, and family
- □ Most desirable to communicate before major dilemmas occur (if possible) so that everyone is comfortable with the treatment plan.
- □ Care plan meetings, frequent telephone and face-to-face communication by physicians, health-care extenders, nursing staff, patients, and families









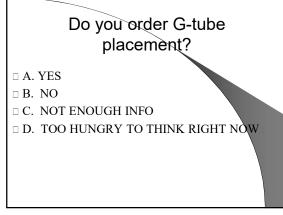


Minnie is readmitted to your SNF following a stroke. She has mild cognitive impairment. She has no Living Will or HCS designation. She is noted to have dysphagia with aspiration. She refuses all food and medicine. Her husband, Mickey and their daughter want a feeding tube, and her husband signs the informed consent.



□Do you order Gtube placement?

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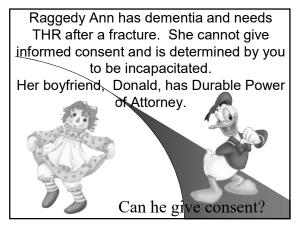
Bert has vascular dementia and suspected sepsis. He has no written Living Will or HCS documentation. His brother, Ernie, visits Burt at your LTC facility everyday. Burt's son, Barney, has never called nor seen his father since admission. His son, Barney, is notified and requests CMO. Ernie wants Bert to be sent to hospital. Who makes the decision?



Who makes the decision?

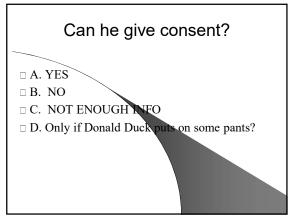
- A. Ernie, the involved brother
- □ B. Barney, the distant son
- □ C. Courts need to decide
- D. Not sure, but the question makes me want to sing: "I love you. You love me. We're a happy family."

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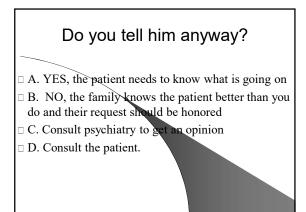


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Bert is alert, oriented, but depressed. You have discovered that he has cancer. Bert's son, Mickey, the lawyer, and Bert's wife, Barbie, don't want Bert to know this as they feel this info will make him severely depressed, and they believe he will give up. Do you tell him anyway?

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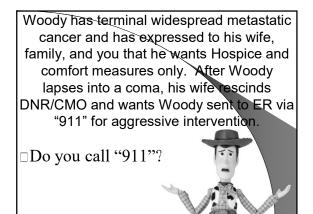
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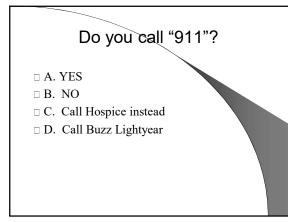
Ann is admitted to your LTC facility with diagnosis of dysphagia due to end stage dementia with aspiration. Ann has a Living Will and Health Care Surrogate form naming her frail elderly husband as her HCS and her daughter, Barbie as her alternate HCS. Barbie demands G-tube and threatens to sue if her mother is allowed to asphate Do you insert G-tube? Do you insert G-tube?

□ A. YES

- □ B. NO □ C. NOT ENOUGH INFO
- D. Offer a J-tube instead, as the risk of aspiration is lower

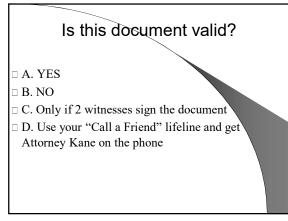
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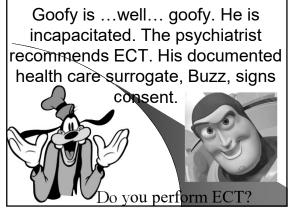




Ann has dementia and terminal disease and lacks capacity. She has no Living Will. Her son, Mickey, the attorney, completes a Living Will document through his legal office which he signs and has notarized on her behalf. Is this document valid?

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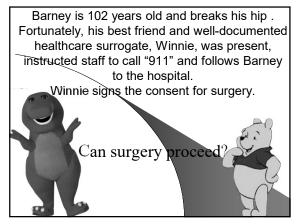




Do you perform ECT?

 \Box A. YES \Box B. NO

- □ C. NOT ENOUGH INFORMATION
- D. Personally, Goofy and Buzz Lightyear both need some serious psychiatric intervention



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