

Clinical Decision Making in Advanced Illness and End of Life Care

Brief Description: This study surveys a nationally representative sample of physicians to describe their attitudes and practices regarding an array of complex issues in end of life care. Subjects covered include recommending curative vs. palliative treatment goals, withdrawing life sustaining technology, use of artificial nutrition and hydration, judgments about quality of life, responding to surrogate decisions, and sedation of the dying to unconsciousness.

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Methodology:

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