



Abstract Title:	Implementation End of Life Guidelines in the Burn Unit
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Objective:	Upon completion of the lecture, attendees should be better prepared to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Recognize the benefit of an EOL program in the Burn Unit▪ Realize the importance of all team members in the EOL process
Abstract:	<p>Introduction: When burn patients have sustained a devastating burn injury and comfort care is the most appropriate treatment course or patients have expressed their wishes to forgo life sustaining measures via an Advance Directive or through previous conversations with surrogate decisions makers, it is quintessential to consider all aspects of the process.</p> <p>Methods: In an effort to continuously improve care provided to our patients and families, we assembled a multi-disciplinary team to create a multi-faceted checklist, to ensure all aspects of the End of Life (EOL) process are consistently completed. This guide does not replace our hospital policy of withholding or withdrawing life prolonging measures; rather, it serves as a tool to augment existing protocols. This checklist is easily accessible to staff members through a shared network. Team members are encouraged to use it as a reference in our goal to provide compassionate and consistent care to meet the needs of patients and families.</p> <p>Results: Since implementation, team members indicate that it was helpful to have a guideline to follow, as it served as a way to ensure we did not omit anything during the process, and allow us to provide consistency for patients and families during these times. However, we have found it is flexible enough to still allow for individuality since some cases and situations have nuances that cannot always fit nicely in a box.</p> <p>Conclusion: Standardization of the EOL process for our patients and families has impacted caregivers comfort with the process and improved communication within the multidisciplinary team. The improvement in communication impacts the EOL experience by providing patients and their families' uninterrupted time with each other and ensuring that all necessary tasks are completed efficiently and by the appropriate team member.</p>
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