

Algorithm

Former box #11 “Care of the imminently dying patient” was removed as one of the domains and incorporated as a part of new annotation #10. Former box #2 “Imminently dying patient presents” incorporated into box #1. Box #16 “Make palliative and/or Specialty Care Referrals and/or consults as needed” has been eliminated.

Annotations

- 1 This annotation now includes language regarding the patient who is actively dying and will receive Palliative Care. Also throughout the document, the term ‘progressive and/or debilitating disease’ has been changed to ‘serious illness.’
- 2 A recommendation has been added that Palliative Care should begin at the time of diagnosis of a serious condition and continue through cure or until death and then into the bereavement period. Added: (*Temel, 2010*). This annotation contains a checklist of primary and secondary criteria—one upon admission and one for daily rounds to be used to screen hospitalized patients for unmet palliative care needs. Added: (*Weissman, 2011*).
- 4 This annotation, formerly #5, has been revised. It was decided by the work group that since physical aspects of care involve symptom management for numerous diseases, a link to current medications and non-pharmacologic treatments has been added.
- 6 This annotation, formerly #7 has been renamed, ‘Psychological and psychiatric aspects of care.’ The annotation now contains information about depression and anxiety. Added: (*Bakitas, 2009*)
- 8 In this annotation, formerly #9, the terms ‘religious and existential’ have been removed. “Spiritual” encompasses the topic. Added: (*Pulchaski, 2009*)
- 10 Former annotation #10, ‘Care of the imminently dying patient’ has been removed as one of the Palliative Care domains. The previous verbiage has been moved to new annotation #10: Develop or revise palliative care plan and establish goals of care.

The GRADE system as a method of assessing evidence and writing recommendations was implemented.

Aims & Measures

A new aim and corresponding measures were added regarding identification and documentation of goals of care based on needs, preferences, values, concerns and fears of the patient/family.

Appendices

The section of the document that contained special considerations for Pediatric patients was moved to the appendix.

A new appendix was added containing the ICSI Shared Decision-Making Model with a diagram depicting patients with a life-limiting illness.