

Workgroup Clinical Practice Tools Table

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Clinical Tools:

Cost

Accounting: Cost Accounting Template: Construct Service Unit Grid, Appendix B in *Accounting for the Costs of Caring Through the End of Life*, Cost Accounting Workgroup Recommendations to the Field, January 2004. Available at www.promotingexcellence.org.

Critical Care: *Compassionate Care in the ICU: Creating a Humane Environment*. This 20-minute video addresses common barriers to optimal end-of-life care and suggests strategies for improvement for caregivers and patients. Copies are available at no charge from the producer by contacting: David Comora, Davids Productions, Montville, NJ (973) 541-2201.

Seven End-of-Life Care Domains: Associated Quality Indicators and Related Clinicians and Organizational Interventions/Behaviors, available at www.promotingexcellence.org.

ICU Palliative Care Audit Tool, described in *Critical Care Medicine* and *Journal of Critical Care* (see Table 2, Articles in Academic Journals).

ESRD: Revised McGill Quality of Life Index (Cohen SR, Mount BM, Bruera E, Rowe J and Tong K) for use with dialysis patients.

Patient satisfaction survey for dialysis patients: results of patient and family focus groups at www.promotingexcellence.org.

Model Do Not Resuscitate Policy for Dialysis Units for use by individual and corporate dialysis units available at www.promotingexcellence.org.

Educational Programs:

ESRD: Adaptation of the AMA's Education for Physicians on End-of-Life Care (EPEC) for nephrologists, presented at the Renal Physicians Association, March 2002.

Surgeons: Incorporation of palliative care concepts into surgical residency curriculum, via the Residency End-of-Life Curriculum Project (funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation). Training is designed to meet Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) standards for geriatric and palliative care training for surgical residents.

Teaching DVD developed by members of the Surgeons Palliative Care Workgroup, for residents and surgeons, addresses breaking bad news in the context of medical error. Video in production.

Bibliographies:

ChIPPS: Ethics and Decision Making Subgroup Bibliography, ChIPPS Workgroup, at www.nhpco.org.

Critical Care: *Comprehensive Critical Care Bibliography and Resource Page for Critical Care End-of-Life Issues*, online bibliography produced by the Critical Care Workgroup, at <http://www.promotingexcellence.org/content/workgroups.html>.

ESRD: Online bibliography of literature on palliative care in end-stage renal disease (available at www.promotingexcellence.org).

Research Agendas:

Critical Care: Rubenfeld GD, Curtis JR. End-of-Life Care in the Intensive Care Unit: a Research Agenda. *Critical Care Medicine* 2001; 29:2001-6.

HIV/AIDS: Workgroup on Palliative and End-of-Life Care in HIV/AIDS, Proposed Research Agenda, Appendix C, *Integrating Palliative Care into the Continuum of HIV Care: An Agenda for Change*, April 2004. Available at www.promotingexcellence.org.