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Schwartz Center Rounds: Volume 1 Objectives and Continuing Education Questions

A STAFF DIALOGUE ON DO NOT RESUSCITATE ORDERS: PSYCHOSOCIAL ISSUES FACED BY PATIENTS, THEIR FAMILIES, AND CAREGIVERS

MONOGRAPH OBJECTIVES

At the completion of this independent study, the participant will be able to:

1. Identify the issue of hype versus hope in reference to phase I clinical trials.
2. Discuss the importance of spirituality in facilitating optimal patient care.
3. Discuss the importance of the caregiver-patient relationship.
4. Assess what patients value in treatment.
5. Identify methods of supporting patients in the face of uncertainty.

CE QUESTIONS

1. **The movie *Marvin's Room* helps in appreciating that quality of life is:**
 - a. Uniquely personal.
 - b. Not dependent on what others think.
 - c. Dependent on how lucky you are.
 - d. All of the above are true.
2. **Cardiopulmonary resuscitation:**
 - a. Is frequently dismissed as futile in patients with advanced cancer.
 - b. Success is very rarely predicted by decision algorithms which score heavily against patients with advanced cancer.
 - c. Is appropriate for cancer patients with good immediate and long-term prognoses.
 - d. Has been reported to never be successful in patients with advanced cancer.
 - e. All of the above are true.
3. **When discussing do not resuscitate (DNR) status:**
 - a. Disruption of the caregiver-patient relationship is inevitable.
 - b. Early integration of discussion into the larger plan makes patients less likely to feel abandoned.
 - c. Physicians should approach the issue once and then not review it to minimize the emotional trauma.
 - d. How the discussion is framed should reflect ethical tenets rather than practical medical issues and the likelihood of success.
 - e. A helpful way to open discussion is, "Have you ever thought of giving up?"
4. **DNR orders:**
 - a. Are never driven by fear of litigation.
 - b. Considered by the courts rarely respect the integrity of the medical profession.
 - c. And living wills are more helpful than health care proxies.
 - d. Are independent of patient autonomy.
 - e. May reflect the opinion that CPR is futile.
5. **When addressing DNR status, a balance of respect for autonomy and the experience of the physician in whom the patient has invested his or her trust avoid all of the responsibility falling to the patient.**
 - a. True
 - b. False