



Scripted Questions for Advance Care Planning

1. What do you think is the cause of your health condition/symptoms?
2. How much intervention do you want? (i.e., No assisted ventilation? BIPAP? Better symptom control?)
3. What do you hope for with this current plan of care? What else do you hope for?
4. What fears or worries do you have about your illness or medical care?
5. What was your last hospitalization like? What did it mean to you?
6. Have you talked with your family about your wishes for future medical care?
7. If you weren't able to make your own health care decisions, who would make them for you?
8. How comfortable are you talking with your family/friends about these wishes?
9. You and I have talked about CPR, and I gave you some booklets on it. What have you learned about CPR?
10. What do you understand about your health condition? What does your family understand?
11. What do you know about the possible complications of _____
(kidney failure, COPD, CHF, etc.)?
12. Are there any other concerns you have about your health care wishes?
13. How has your illness interfered with your daily activities?
14. Tell me what you understand about the options for treating your illness.
15. What treatments/medications interfere with your quality of life?

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