

NOSM COVID-19 Weekly Clinical Rounds

COVID-19 and Pandemic Palliative Care

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DESCRIPTION:

The challenges of COVID-19 include planning for palliative care in a pandemic when the focus is often on medical interventions and intensive supports, including ventilators and critical care resources. Shared decision making between patients, families and clinicians is core to providing both life prolonging and end of life care. Goals of care discussions provide essential direction for clinicians. These conversations are key to guide treatment decisions and to promote effective palliative care with symptom relief, and quality of life where death is anticipated.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

1. Describe goals of care discussions in the face of COVID-19.
2. Identify essential tools for symptom management and end of life care of COVID-19 patients.

PRESENTATION AND SESSION DOCUMENTS:

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