

Read-Along Version for Individuals/Agents

To Be Used in Conversation Only – Send electronically if needed

Priorities for Medical Care		
LIVING LONGER	MAINTAINING CURRENT HEALTH	COMFORT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Live as long as possible, even if I do not know who I am or who I am with • Be in the hospital and receive all care my doctors think will help me, even if it means relying on machines to keep me alive 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Live longer, if quality of life and comfort can be achieved • Be in the hospital, if needed, for effective care • Stop treatment that does not work or makes me feel worse • Allow a natural death if my heart or breathing stops 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Live the rest of my life focusing on my comfort and quality of life • Avoid the hospital and being on machines • Allow a natural death if my heart or breathing stops



Treatment Options for Serious Illness		
FULL TREATMENT Sustaining life by all medically effective means	SELECTIVE TREATMENT Maintaining health while avoiding burdensome treatments	COMFORT-FOCUSED TREATMENT Maximizing comfort through symptom management
<p>Includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medication and treatment to keep you comfortable • Emotional and spiritual care 	<p>Includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medication and treatment to keep you comfortable • Emotional and spiritual care 	<p>Includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medication and treatment to keep you comfortable • Emotional and spiritual care
<p>May include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Being in the hospital and Intensive Care Unit (ICU) • A trial of full treatment, if desired, e.g., ventilator • IV medications and IV fluids • Long-term tube feedings • CPR, intubation, and/or ventilator 	<p>May include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Being in the hospital but AVOIDING the ICU • Non-invasive positive airway pressure • A trial of selective treatment, if desired, e.g., non-invasive positive airway pressure • IV medications and IV fluids • Short-term tube feedings 	<p>May include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Being in the hospital ONLY if comfort needs not met • Oxygen, suction, and manual treatment of airway for comfort • Medications by mouth • Food and fluids by mouth, if able
	<p>Does <u>NOT</u> include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CPR, intubation, and/or ventilator 	<p>Does <u>NOT</u> include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CPR, intubation, and/or ventilator