## Priorities for Medical Care

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<th>MAINTAINING CURRENT HEALTH</th>
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<td>• Live as long as possible, even if I do not know who I am or who I am with</td>
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<td>• 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</td>
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## Treatment Options for Serious Illness

### FULL TREATMENT
**Sustaining life by all medically effective means**

**Includes:**
- Medication and treatment to keep you comfortable
- Emotional and spiritual care

**May include:**
- 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

**Does NOT include:**
- CPR, intubation, and/or ventilator

### SELECTIVE TREATMENT
**Maintaining health while avoiding burdensome treatments**

**Includes:**
- Medication and treatment to keep you comfortable
- Emotional and spiritual care

**May include:**
- 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

**Does NOT include:**
- CPR, intubation, and/or ventilator

### COMFORT-FOCUSED TREATMENT
**Maximizing comfort through symptom management**

**Includes:**
- Medication and treatment to keep you comfortable
- Emotional and spiritual care

**May include:**
- 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

**Does NOT include:**
- CPR, intubation, and/or ventilator