

# 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"> <li>• Live as long as possible, even if I do not know who I am or who I am with</li> <li>• 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</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Live longer, if quality of life and comfort can be achieved</li> <li>• Be in the hospital, if needed, for effective care</li> <li>• Stop treatment that does not work or makes me feel worse</li> <li>• Allow a natural death if my heart or breathing stops</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Live the rest of my life focusing on my comfort and quality of life</li> <li>• Avoid the hospital and being on machines</li> <li>• Allow a natural death if my heart or breathing stops</li> </ul>



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
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<p><b>May include:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Being in the hospital and Intensive Care Unit (ICU)</li> <li>• A trial of full treatment, if desired, e.g., ventilator</li> <li>• IV medications and IV fluids</li> <li>• Long-term tube feedings</li> <li>• CPR, intubation, and/or ventilator</li> </ul>	<p><b>May include:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Being in the hospital but AVOIDING the ICU</li> <li>• Non-invasive positive airway pressure</li> <li>• A trial of selective treatment, if desired, e.g., non-invasive positive airway pressure</li> <li>• IV medications and IV fluids</li> <li>• Short-term tube feedings</li> </ul>	<p><b>May include:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Being in the hospital ONLY if comfort needs not met</li> <li>• Oxygen, suction, and manual treatment of airway for comfort</li> <li>• Medications by mouth</li> <li>• Food and fluids by mouth, if able</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Does <u>NOT</u> include:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CPR, intubation, and/or ventilator</li> </ul>	<p><b>Does <u>NOT</u> include:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CPR, intubation, and/or ventilator</li> </ul>