

Mortality Review

The mortality review process is designed to capture data on the quality of care, implementation of new standards regarding GOCC, and improve care by finding missed opportunities to intervene at an earlier point in the patient trajectory. Listed below is a check-list to complete for each death to seek out those missed opportunities.

Key Questions for each death

Question	Y/N
At the time of admission, was death within 6 months a likely outcome?	
At the time of admission, was death likely during this admission?	
Were there missed opportunities to prevent this inpatient death— <div style="text-align: right; margin-right: 100px;"> During the hospitalization? During a recent hospitalization? ED visit within 30 days of hospitalization? Outpatient clinic visit within 30 days of hospitalization? </div> Other: _____	
Which of the following may have helped prevent this inpatient death? A. Better communication to establish patient centered goals— <div style="text-align: right; margin-right: 100px;"> Prior to admission as an outpatient? Prior to admission in the ED? During this hospitalization? </div> B. Greater emphasis in resolving conflicts over care goals— <div style="text-align: right; margin-right: 100px;"> Prior to admission as an outpatient? Prior to admission in the ED? During this hospitalization? </div> C. Better attention to preventable complications: e.g. falls, infections, medications, bed sores, blood clots	
Was the lack of an advance care planning document a contributing factor to this inpatient death?	

<p>If the patient was admitted to an ICU, was ICU admission an appropriate site of care relative the patients condition and prognosis? In other words, could ICU care realistically be expected to meet the patient-defined goals of care?</p> <p>If no, what could have been done to prevent the ICU admission-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completion of an advance directive prior to admission? Screening for patients at high-risk of unnecessary ICU admit? Palliative care consultation prior to ICU transfer from the ward? Palliative care consultation prior to ICU admission from the ED? Better counseling/support services for patient or family? Better clinician training in conducting GOCCs and conflict resolution? <p>Other: _____</p>	
Should this case go to Peer Review?	