

We need to talk about Palliative Care

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I can't comment on palliative care from a personal point of view, but I do sit on a palliative care committee. I'm also conducting interviews of staff now, on ceiling of treatment- which will be in place of the L CP.

Palliative care should be discussed with the patient if they are competent and with family. ACP should also be something that everyone should complete - that way everyone knows what your wishes are for end of life care, and the Anticipatory Care Plan can be changed to suit.

One of the problems is not enough staff are willing to talk about end of life to patients - it's a difficult subject, and requires more training - which is one reason I am carrying out these interviews.

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