

# Palliative care in Barnsley

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than days to life!

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# Outline

- Palliative care and End of Life Care (EOLC)
- Specialist level palliative care
- Local services
  
- Case to illustrate
  
- Advanced Care Planning, DNACPR

# Palliative Care

Palliative care is provided by three categories of health and social care professionals:

- Those providing the day-to-day care to patients and carers in their homes and in hospitals
- Those providing disease specific specialist care for life-limiting illness
- Those who specialise in palliative care (consultants in palliative medicine and clinical nurse specialists in palliative care, for example)

# Core level Palliative Care

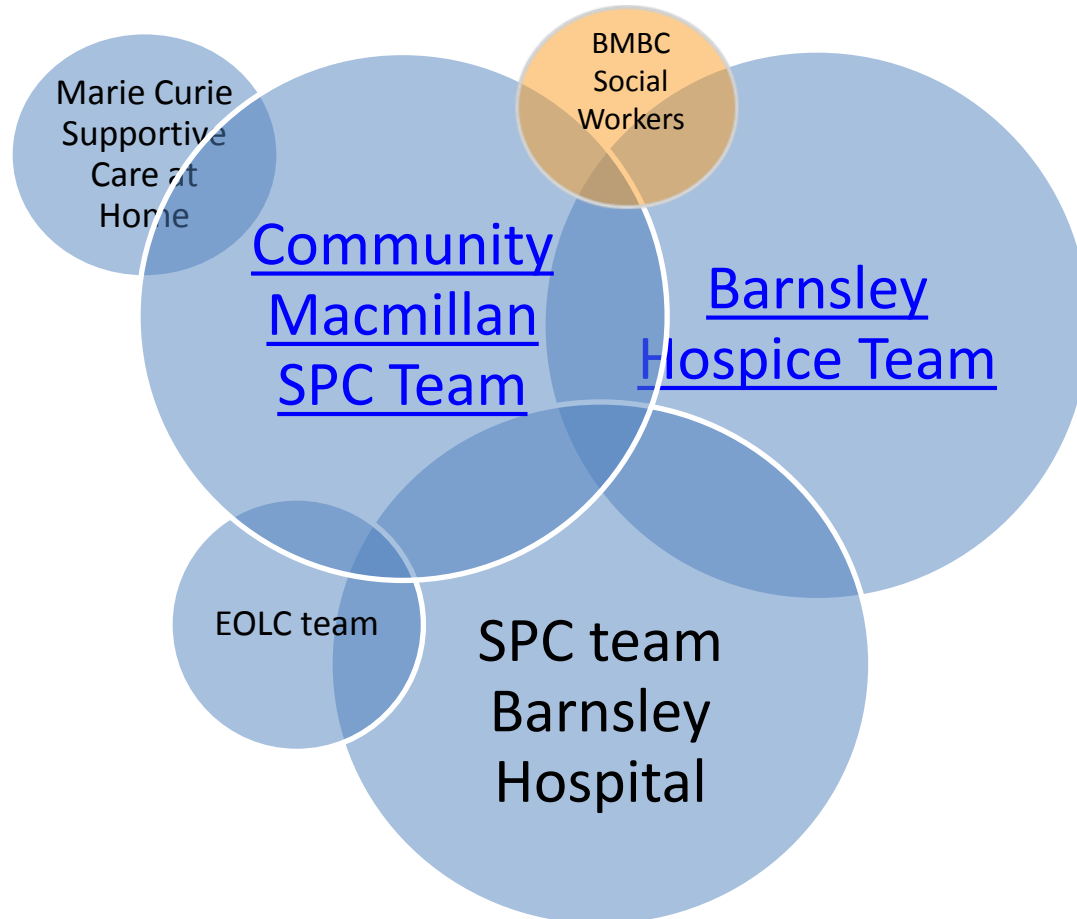
Those providing day-to-day care should be able to:

- Assess the care needs of each patient and their families across the domains of physical, psychological, social spiritual and information needs
- Meet those needs within the limits of their knowledge, skills, competence in palliative care
- Know when to seek advice from or refer to specialist palliative care services

# Specialist Level Palliative Care

- Complex cases
  - Unresolved complex needs
    - Complicated symptoms, difficult family situations, ethical questions regarding treatment decisions
    - Cannot be fully met by the current caring team
- Holistic person-centred care and shared decision-making
- Multi-disciplinary teams
- Facilitating communication between teams in health and social care, effective joint working
- Palliative care education and input into development of systems and services to support generalist palliative care

# Barnsley Specialist Level Palliative Care Team



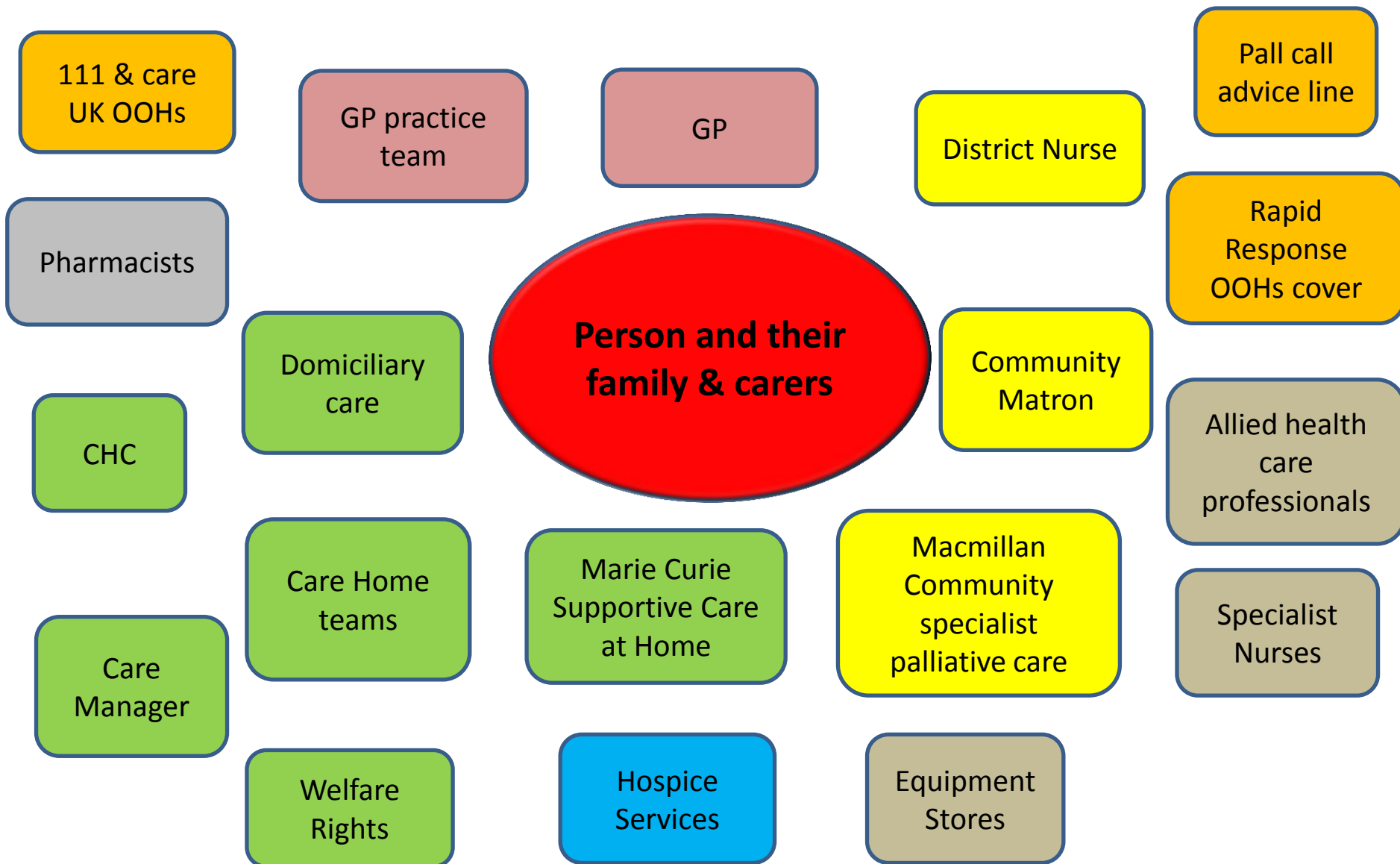
# Community Macmillan Specialist Palliative Care Team







# Community services palliative/end of life care



# Key core services providing end of life care

GP

The GP has overall responsibility for care at the end of life. The GP will work with the wider team to ensure medical, emotional, social and spiritual needs are supported and care is coordinated

District Nurse

The district nurse will visit and provide care according to individual needs. They are usually the key worker for last days of life care in their own homes and residential care homes. They will liaise with other members of SWYFT community services.

Community  
Matron

Will provide case management for those with more complex needs e.g. polypharmacy, multiple comorbidities, repeated hospital admissions and may act as the key worker to co-ordinate care. They will liaise with other members of SWYFT community services.

Rapid Response  
Out of hours cover

Service provides out of hours district nursing from 4.45pm to 8.45am. This service is available for patients/carers to call for support advice or to request a visit to support their end of life/last days of life care as well as providing already planned visits.

111 & Out of hours  
GP services

It is important that out of hours services understand the care plans and preferences of palliative/end of life patients. To aid communication a palliative care handover form should be faxed in advance.

Social care

To arrange packages of social care e.g. domiciliary care or care home support, referrals should be made to BMBC Central Access Team.

CHC

CHC will provide continuing healthcare funding where appropriate in the last weeks of life, a fast track application can be sent.

# Services specifically for palliative/end of life care

Specialist palliative care

Community Macmillan SPC Team / Barnsley Hospice / Hospital SPC Team

Marie Curie Supportive care at home

Practical, emotional and physical support provided to patients and carers 7 days a week for those with advance life threatening illness in the last days of life or for respite. A significant part of the service is providing night time 10pm – 7am visits. Urgent care can be provided in addition to social care provision or as a stand alone package. This is led by the nurse key worker. The service includes HCA and 3 qualified nurses. Referrals made from health care professionals

Macmillan Welfare Rights

This service will provide benefits advice for those with palliative/end of life care needs

Drug pharmacist stockist scheme

Certain pharmacists are part of a scheme where they always stock key palliative drugs

# Specialist Palliative Care Team Referral

- For patients with progressive life-limiting illness, and their families, with complex needs :

Uncontrolled or complicated symptoms  
Emotional or behavioural difficulties relating to the disease  
Complex social issues involving family, children and carers  
Difficult decision around withholding or withdrawing treatment  
Complex last days of life care

- (Needs link to referral form on website)
- Face to face services 9am-5pm 7 days a week
- 24/7 Pallcall advice line OOH can be used by patients and families as well as health and social care professionals – 01226 244 244

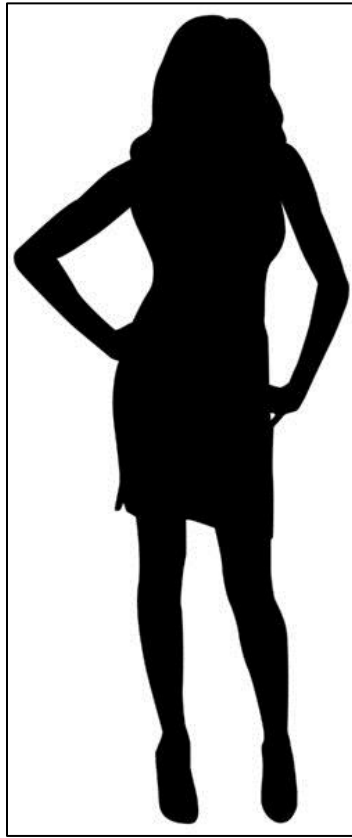
# Key contact numbers for palliative and end of life care

Community service	Contact details	Referral
District nurses	01226 644575 7 days a week 8.45am - 4.45pm	Either telephone or Systmone
Rapid Response Out of hours DN cover	07747 794698 4.45pm – 8.45am	Telephone
Macmillan community specialist palliative care	01226 644755 9am-5pm Mon – Fri 01226 644575 9am-5pm Sat/Sun	Fax SPC Referral form or telephone contact to discuss
Marie Curie Supportive care at home	01226 644750 office hour Mon – Fri 9am -5pm Weekends on call service leave a message	Telephone
Community Matron	01226 644575 7 days a week 8.45am – 4.45pm	Either telephone or systmone
Care Manager – Central Access Team	01226 773300	Telephone for a referral form
Welfare Rights	01226 772310	Referral form
Continuing Healthcare	01302 566012	Referral form
Pall call Advice Line for out of hours Specialist palliative care advice	01226 244244 Out of hours	Telephone advice
Hospice	01226 244244	Fax SPC Referral form or telephone contact to discuss
Pharmacists - Out of hours	Stockists of palliative care medication See list on Barnsley end of life care website or in My Care Plan	

# Levels of intervention

- **Level 1** Sign-posting or telephone advice for other professionals
- **Level 2** A one off home visit to support the generalist to plan management or care or to assess needs
- **Level 3** Short term complex specialist management – often alongside other primary care team members
- **Level 4** On going specialist support for those with complex needs – as a key worker or alongside others eg DN or community matron

# Amy . . . a stylish young mother and beauty therapist





# Amy's last year . . .





Amy . . .

. . . a fierce  
determination to  
hold on to life and do  
normal things until  
the end

'This is Atul Gawande's most powerful, and moving, book.'  
Malcolm Gladwell

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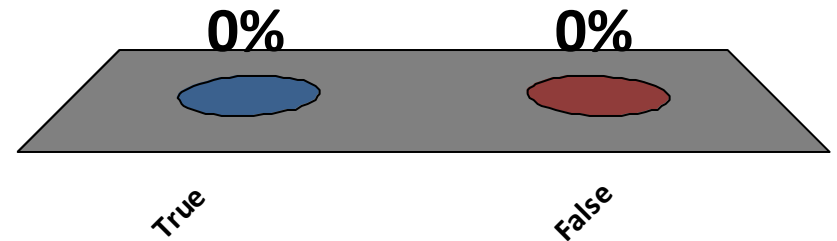
BEING  
MORTAL

Illness, Medicine,  
and What Matters  
in the End

# Advanced Care Planning (ACP)

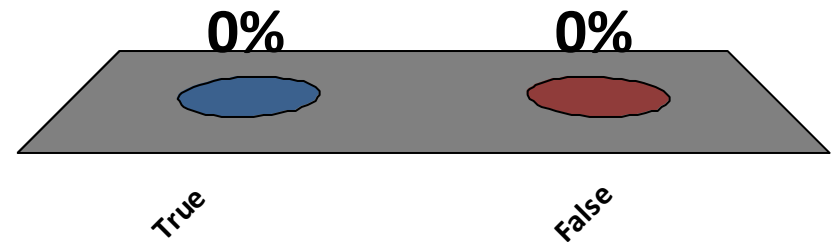
1. An Advanced Care Plan can be completed for individual who lacks capacity

- A. True
- B. False



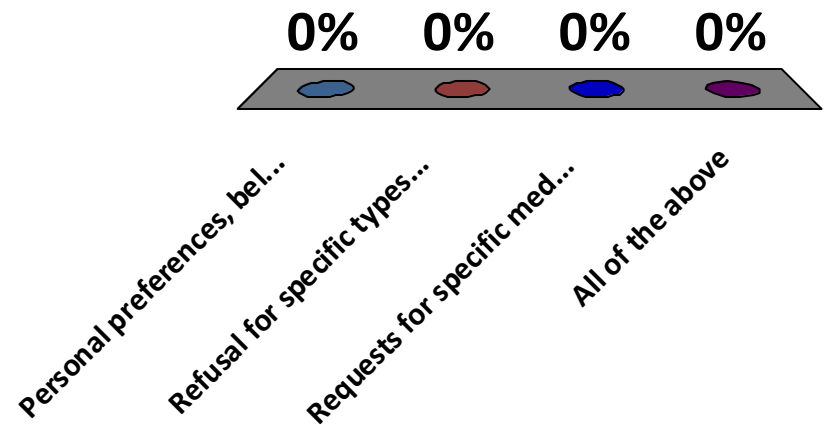
2. The GP should be informed if someone has completed an advanced care plan . .

- A. True
- B. False



# 3. What is in an **Advance Statement**?

- A. Personal preferences, beliefs and wishes
- B. Refusal for specific types of medical treatment
- C. Requests for specific medical intervention
- D. All of the above



# 4. What is an **Advance Decision**?

**A:** Personal preferences, beliefs and wishes

**B:** Refusal for specific types of medical treatment

**C:** Requests for specific medical interventions

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A: Personal preferences, ...

B: Refusal for specific typ...

C: Requests for specific ...



5. An Advanced Decision can enable  
a person to . . .

Refuse the offer of food and drink

- A. True
- B. False

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# 6. An Advanced Decision can enable a person to . . .

Refuse specific medical treatment

- A. True
- B. False

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7. An Advanced Decision can enable  
a person to . . .

Refuse basic nursing care

- A. True
- B. False

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8. An Advanced Decision can enable a person to . . .

Refuse measures for maintaining comfort

- A. True
- B. False

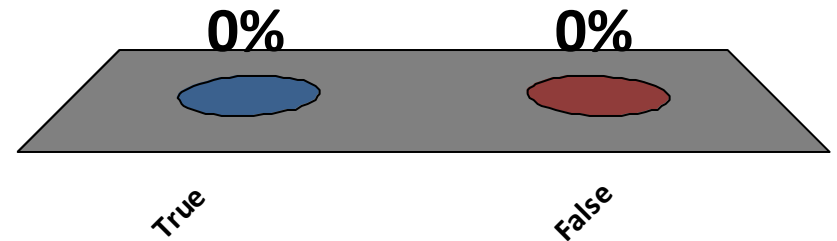
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9. An advance decision to refuse treatment has to be witnessed and signed.

- A. True
- B. False



7. Which of the following is **not** required to make an advanced decision to refuse life-sustaining treatment valid?

**A:** It is written, signed and witnessed.

**B:** It includes the statement 'even if life is at risk'.

**C:** The treatments refused are clearly stated.

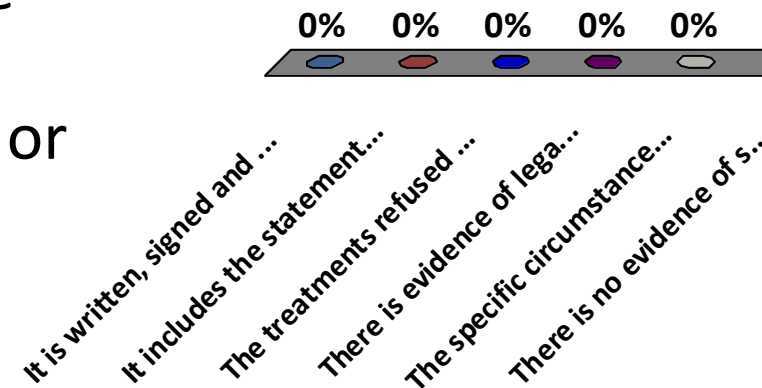
**D:** There is evidence of legal and medical advice given.

**E:** The specific circumstances of the refusal are described, and these are applicable.

**F:** There is no evidence of statements or actions to contradict the advance decision since it was made.

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- D. There is evidence of legal and medical advice given.
- E. The specific circumstances of the refusal are described, and these are applicable.
- F. There is no evidence of statements or actions to contradict the advance decision since it was made.



- ACP and the Mental Capacity Act
- Lasting Power of Attorney
  
- For more on Advanced Care Planning visit

<http://www.ncpc.org.uk/sites/default/files/AdvanceCarePlanning.pdf>



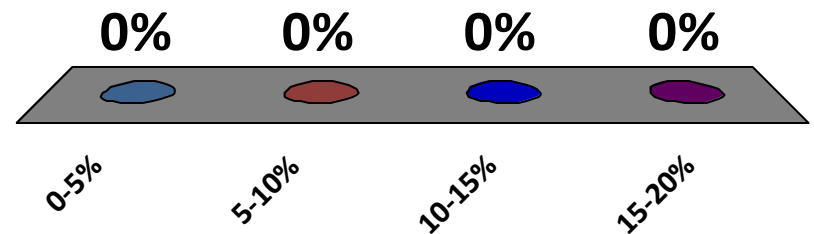
# DNACPR decisions

- Decide
- Discuss
- Document

How successful is CPR?

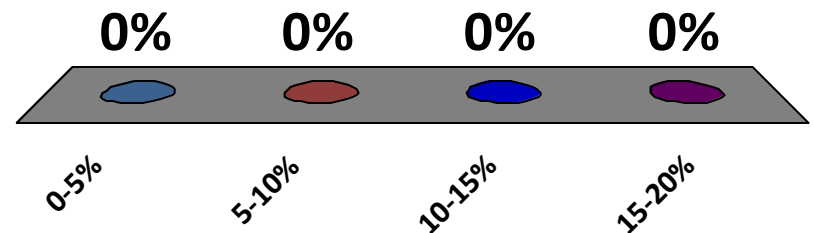
11. What is the percentage survival in an **out of hospital** arrest where CPR is attempted?

- A. 0-5%
- B. 5-10%
- C. 10-15%
- D. 15-20%



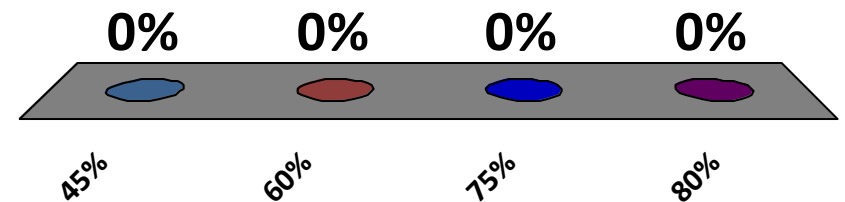
12. What is the percentage survival to discharge after CPR in hospital?

- A. 0-5%
- B. 5-10%
- C. 10-15%
- D. 15-20%



# 13. What is the percentage survival after CPR in TV medical dramas? (1996 study)

- A. 45%
- B. 60%
- C. 75%
- D. 80%



# And in specific groups . . .

- Those with Karnofsky performance score  $\leq 50$ ?

(Requires considerable assistance with ADLs and frequent medical care)

- Those aged  $> 80$  yrs?
- Those with metastatic malignancy?

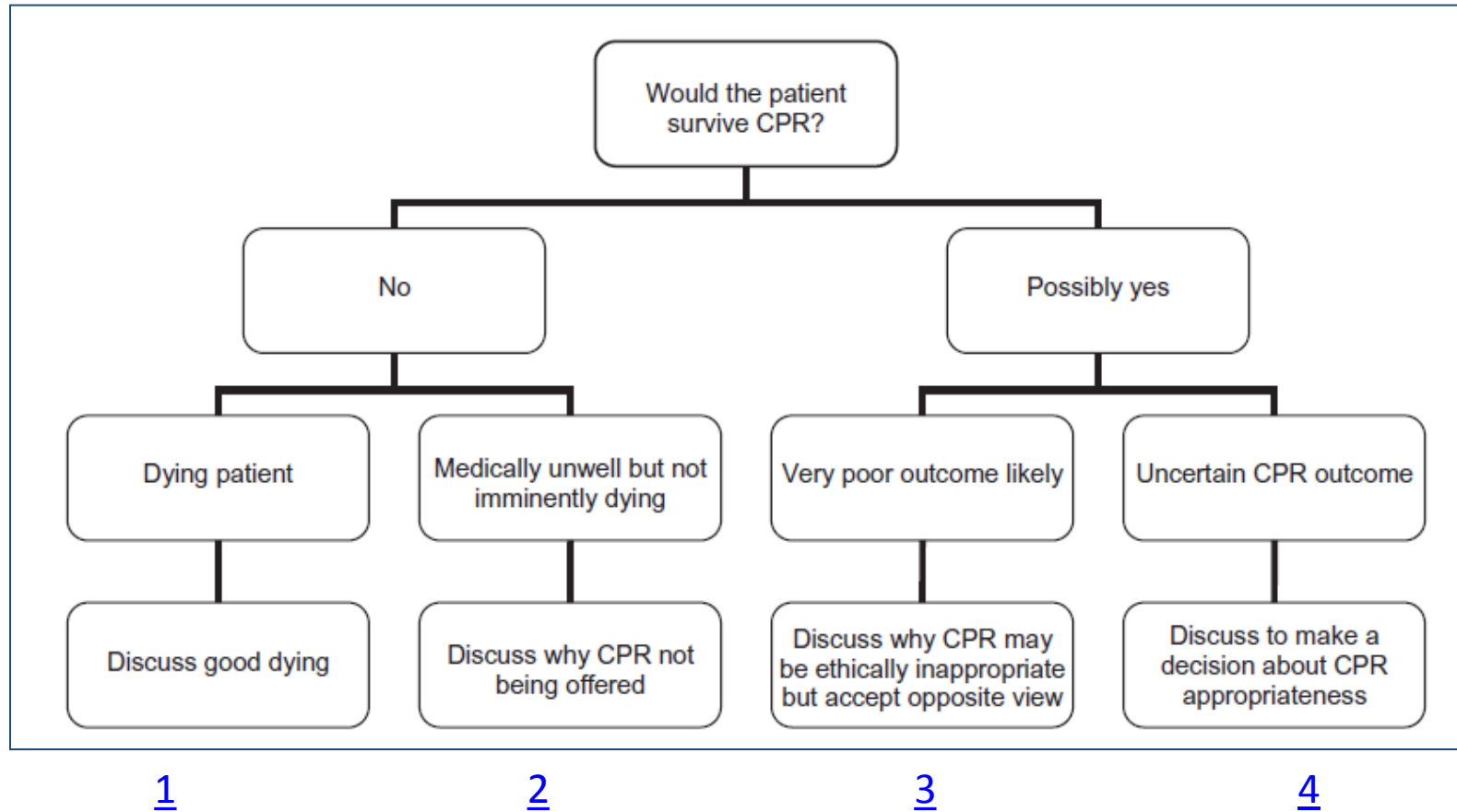
Survival to hospital discharge  $\leq 3.5\%$

Those who do survive will do so less well  
and more dependant than they are now

96.5% will definitely NOT survive

Those with worst pre-arrest health status  
least likely to survive to discharge after  
CPR

# CPR decision-making and discussion





# When a patient continues to demand CPR .

. .

- Refer if needed
  - Specialist Palliative Care Team – medical review
  - Relevant specialist / MDT
- May be right to acquiesce in order to maintain trust. Views can change over time as condition changes.
- May be the right thing for that particular patient and family for them to die in an acute setting

Record in notes -  
discussion, or reasons  
why not discussed

Offer patients/family  
written information

DO NOT ATTEMPT CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION				
Yorkshire & Humber Regional Form for Adults and Young People aged 16 and over (v13)				
In the event of cardiac or respiratory arrest NO attempts at cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) will be made. All other treatment should be given where appropriate.				
NHS No	Hospital No	Next of Kin / Emergency Contact		
Name		Relationship		
Address		Relationship		
Postcode	Date of Birth	Tel Number		
<b>Section 1 Reason for DNACPR decision: Select as appropriate from A - D</b> <i>Details of all discussions, mental capacity assessments and MDT decisions must be recorded in the patient's notes.</i>				
A. <input type="checkbox"/> CPR has been discussed with this patient. It is against their wishes and they have the mental capacity to make this decision. <i>(Guidance overleaf)</i>				
B. <input type="checkbox"/> CPR is against the wishes of the patient as recorded in a valid advance decision The right to refuse CPR in an Advance Decision only applies from the age of 18. <i>(Guidance overleaf)</i>				
C. <input type="checkbox"/> The outcome of CPR would <i>not</i> be of overall benefit to the patient <b>and</b> : i) They lack the capacity to make the decision <input type="checkbox"/> or ii) They have declined to discuss the decision <input type="checkbox"/> <b>This represents a best interests decision and must be discussed with relevant others</b> This <b>has</b> been discussed with ..... (name) on ..... (date/time) Relationship to patient: ..... <i>(Guidance overleaf)</i>				
D. <input type="checkbox"/> CPR would be of <i>no clinical benefit</i> because of the following medical conditions: ..... <b>In these situations when CPR is not expected to be successful, it is good practice to explain to the patient and/or relevant others why CPR will not be attempted.</b> This <b>has</b> been discussed with the patient <input type="checkbox"/> Date: ..... / ..... / ..... Time: ..... This <b>has not</b> been discussed with the patient <input type="checkbox"/> Specify Reason: ..... This <b>has</b> been discussed with ..... (name) on ..... (date/time) Relationship to patient: .....				
<b>Section 2 Review of DNACPR decision: Select as appropriate from i OR ii</b>				
i) DNACPR decision is to be reviewed by: ..... (specify date)				
Review Date	Full Name and Designation	Signature	DNACPR still applies	Next Review Date
			<input type="checkbox"/> (ick)	
			<input type="checkbox"/> (ick)	
			<input type="checkbox"/> (ick)	
ii) DNACPR decision is to remain valid until end of life <input type="checkbox"/> (ick)				
<b>Section 3 Healthcare professionals completing DNACPR form</b> <i>(Guidance overleaf)</i>				
Date: .....	Time: .....	Date: ..... <i>(Countersignature if required)</i> Time: .....		
Signature: .....		Signature: .....		
Print name: .....		Print name: .....		
Designation & Organisation .....		Designation & Organisation .....		
GMC / NMC No: .....		GMC / NMC No: .....		

## Other useful links

Barnsley BEST	<a href="http://best.barnsleyccg.nhs.uk/">http://best.barnsleyccg.nhs.uk/</a>
Barnsley end of life care for patients and carer	<a href="http://barnsleyendoflifecare.co.uk/">http://barnsleyendoflifecare.co.uk/</a>
Macmillan	<a href="https://www.macmillan.org.uk/">https://www.macmillan.org.uk/</a>
Barnsley Hospice	<a href="http://www.barnsleyhospice.org/home.aspx">http://www.barnsleyhospice.org/home.aspx</a>
Palliative care Formulary	<a href="http://best.barnsleyccg.nhs.uk/clinical-support/medicines/prescribing-guidelines/Palliative%20Care%20Formulary.pdf">http://best.barnsleyccg.nhs.uk/clinical-support/medicines/prescribing-guidelines/Palliative%20Care%20Formulary.pdf</a>