

The Ethics of Medical Care for ICU Patients

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Do good things
Don't do bad things



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Do what the patient/family wants
Don't do what the patient/family doesn't want

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Don't block beds

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Any questions?

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