

Rapid Response Systems in end-of-life care

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Challenges to managing patients at the end of life in a rapid response situation will be explored using a Critical Care Outreach case study. Current thinking supported by evidence of end of life care in the UK will be discussed. The complexities of treatment limitation decision making in an acute setting will be considered in light of the potential effects on the patient, their family and the staff involved. The positive contribution that the Critical Care Outreach team can bring to the situation will be highlighted.