

# FAMILY READINESS ASSESSMENT

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Family Readiness Assessment Checklist		
Family has stated or asked about...	He wouldn't want to live like this	
	Funeral Plans	
	Gathering family from out of town	
	Last rites	
	Donation status/dot on license	
	What's next after poor given prognosis	
	What will happen if he is disconnected from support	
	Details of comfort care	
	Extending visitation time for family coming in to say goodbyes	
Hospital has initiated any of the following	Family given grave prognosis and they indicate they understand gravity of the situation	
	De-escalation or limited medical treatment moving forward	
	Consultation of Chaplain or Palliative Services	
	Donation mentioned	
	Family Care Conference scheduled	

# FAMILY CONSIDERATIONS

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Family Considerations Questionnaire	
Family Composition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Who is the legal next of kin?</li> <li>• Other family members that seem to be involved in decision-making?</li> <li>• Is family local? Waiting on other family to arrive? If so, are they local or out of town?</li> <li>• What seems to be the relationship between the family and hospital?</li> </ul>
Cultural & Spiritual Formulation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do we know anything about their cultural identification? Religious practice?</li> <li>• Has chaplain services been consulted? If so, did they accept?</li> <li>• Has family asked about last rites? Burial concerns?</li> </ul>
Coping/Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has family expressed understanding or acceptance of grave prognosis?</li> <li>• Has family asked for or already met with Social Services? (Social worker, Case Manager, Child Life Specialist) If so, brief description of what was discussed/outcome (find in progress notes in hospital EMR)</li> <li>• Any particular concerns expressed by family about their loved one/the situation? (getting family to the hospital, divided over withdraw, etc.)</li> </ul>

Communication & Decision-Making

- Is a family meeting planned? If so, when? Has a family meeting already taken place? If so what was the outcome?
- Is brain death testing planned? Already started? If already started, when? Is family aware?
- Has donation been mentioned by hospital?
- Is the patient unstable in a way that could potentially compromise donation?