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Title

Advance Directives: Implications for Radiology (1 credit hours)

Abstract

Modern medical technology has created a need for patients to prepare treatment directives in advance, indicating desired medical care in the event of becoming incapacitated. This module offers a historical overview of CPR and its relationship to the concept of advance directives. Also addressed are the concepts of Euthanasia, and "Do Not Resuscitate" orders. Types of advance directives are delineated to include a discussion of the Living Wills as well as the ethical considerations of autonomy, fairness, non-maleficence and beneficence. The module concludes by describing issues associated with application of advance directives in the radiology department. **Course Approval Expiration/End Date: July 1, 2009 Category A Credit**

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Objectives

After studying the information presented here, the learner will be able to:

- Discuss the history of CPR.
- Identify the types of advance directives.
- Recognize the ethical issues involved in honoring advance directives.
- Summarize the implications of DNR orders in the Radiology Department.
- Describe important legislative considerations regarding advance directives.

Resources

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