

## **Treatment Escalation Plan (TEP)**

Name:
CHI Number:
Patient Information Label here

ACUTE DETERIORATION MANAGEMENT

(Check TEP valid dates on reverse of page. This form only applies during the current admission)
Patients who may benefit from a TEP when admitted to hospital include those with:

- Risk of deterioration or instability
- Very severe frailty, completely dependent for ADLs
- Progressive organ failure with or without multiple co-morbidities
- Advanced cancer (not receiving potentially curative treatment)
- Progressive incurable illness e.g. Dementia, MS, MND in the final stages

At request of patient/ welfare attorney or guardian/ nearest relative or carers							
Date and time of TEP	Initiating Clinician - Nan	ne & Signature	Position	Departm	ent		
Patient aware of plan □	Main carer aware of	plan 🗆					
CLINICAL SITUATION AND GOALS OF TREATMENT							
Indicate appropriate escalation of treatment if required; select one of the four boxes below:							
ITU referral and possibility of mechanical ventilation (If DNACPR in place d/w ITU before selecting)							
HDU referral – possible inotropes / advanced treatment							
Ward based care including consideration of appropriate investigations and interventions below							
Comfort: relief of symptoms (see 'GAEL' guide on Palliative care icon on Staffnet)							
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INVESTIGATIONS & INTERVENTIONS: Consider and indicate the most appropriate options below.  Changes can be made at any time later if necessary – please date and sign changes.							
Invasive Procedures e.g surgery, drain insertion, endoscopic and interventional radiology procedures, central lines (Please state)							
Intravenous Access	YES □ NO □	NG, TPN, PEG	feeding (circle)	YES 🗆 NO 🗆			
Intravenous Fluids	YES □ NO □	Blood samplin	g	YES 🗆 NO 🗆			
Subcutaneous Fluids	YES □ NO □	Clinical Obser	vations	YES 🗆 NO 🗆			
Intravenous Medication	YES □ NO □	NIV		YES □ NO □			
Antibiotics IV / oral (circle	e) YES 🗆 NO 🗆	Oral feeding appropriate with accepted aspiration risk		YES □ NO □			
Blood transfusion	YES □ NO □						
*Other relevant investigation	ons / interventions / treatm	nents can be det	ailed below.				
Other Comments/Instructi	ons						
Has a DNACPR order been completed: YES $\square$ NO $\square$							

Communication with the patient and their family regarding this plan is important. If it is not possible to have the discussion at the time of completion, then it must be planned for the first available time. You must ensure that the patient has mental capacity if you are asking the patient to make choices about which treatments they would elect to have. Where the patient does not have capacity, decisions will be made by any existing welfare attorney/guardian with relevant powers and an agreed care plan documented in the patients AWI treatment plan. In communication, please note who had the discussion and when (date/time), also documenting any support offered to patient / carer / family member (Chaplaincy / Support & Information Service / Carers Support Service).

Please check whether there is an existing Anticipatory Care Plan (ACP) e.g Community ACP, ACP in 'Patient preferences' on Clinical Portal or ReSPECT form and ensure that this information is considered and reviewed with the patient and family for each new admission or change of care setting.

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MUST BE COMPLETED IN ALL CASES:				
Has been discussed with the patient: YES $\square$ NO				
If no state reason (e.g. Lack of capacity):				
Section 47 AWI and Treatment plan completed? YES $\Box$ NO				
Is there a PoA / Welfare Guardian in place? YES $\Box$ NO				
Name of patient/welfare attorney or guardian/nearest relative has been communicated with:	e or designated oth	er & relationship to p	patient whom this	
Patient's understanding of condition and issues and thei place of care): where this discussion has been documented				
Family / carer understanding of patient's condition and	issues:			
On discharge or transfer, please add or update an AC Pathways) and request update to Community ACP /			g Forms and	
Responsible senior clinician	Date Reviewed	Signed / Print	Valid Until	
Signed:				
Print Name:				
Date:				
TEP VALID UNTIL:				
<ul> <li>* If significant changes are made to TEP please use a new document (and score through existing document) to ensure instructions are clear.</li> <li>* 'Indefinite' can be added to the valid until box if no</li> </ul>	On completion this form should be filed at the front of the Clinical Record. On discharge it should be invalidated and scanned and filed with in-patient clinical notes			

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further review required.