WITHDRAWAL OF CRITICAL CARE AT HOME

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TAKING PRIDE IN OUR CARE

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BACKGROUND

In January 2015, a patient with resistant non convulsive status epilepticus and a poor prognosis was cared for on our Intensive Care Unit. The partner of this patient requested that withdrawal of critical care took place in their own home rather than in hospital, as the patient had previously expressed a wish to die at home. We were able to accommodate her wishes for which she was very grateful and specifically asked that we consider offering this option to other patients.

METHOD

TAKING PRIDE IN OUR CARE TOGETHER

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Individualised End of Life Care Plan for Critical Care Patients and Withdrawal of Critical Care at Home

Making a difference: Compassionate Care for all

To be kept with your patient.

Commencement Date_______________

Name	
Preferred Name	
DOB	
NHS Number	
Hospital Number	

Patients must be reviewed daily by Consultant / SPR

	Designation	Signature
Start date		
Day 1		
Day 2		
Day 3		
Day 4		
Day 5		

Literature review, cost analysis and ethical assessment

Guidelines and specific Individualised End of Life Care Plan

Working group: Critical Care & Palliative Care Consultants, Specialist Palliative Care Team Lead, End of Life Care Facilitator, Critical Care Sister and Matron

Stakeholder involvement: Hospice at Home Service, GPs, District Nurses and Community End of Life Care Facilitators

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RESULTS

Strengthened links between Critical Care Specialist Palliative Care (SPC)

Greater SPC support for patients and families on Critical Care

Individualised End of Life Care Plan empowers staff to provide excellent end of life care to all their dying patients and allows further auditing of our performance

Critical Care staff have better awareness and understanding of both general end of life care and Specialist Palliative Care

Positive feedback from families & community colleagues

Successfully carried out one more withdrawal of life support at home and have discharged two others directly from Critical Care to their own home for end of life care

Schwartz Round

CHALLENGES

Increasing awareness amongst Critical Care consultants body

Identifying potential patients at an early enough stage

Gaining support of local GPs and District Nurses

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

Regular Specialist Palliative Care involvement at Critical Care MDTs to improve on current weekly ward rounds

Specific validated bereavement survey

Patient and family information leaflets

PRIDE

Queen's Hospital

King George Hospital
Entrance to
all wards and departments

Emergency Ambulance
London Ambulance Service
NHS
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FEEDBACK

"Outstanding example of excellent partnership working and communication"

"So impressed by the motivation of everyone involved to give the best care to this entire family"