

## Advance Care Planning

We have discussed the following strategies as a workgroup. Before submitting our objectives and strategies forms on June 30 (or earlier), we need to rank them. In addition, each workgroup has been asked to report on its top three strategies during the Steering Committee’s July 21 meeting. If there are additional strategies you think we should consider, please add them to the list. Please rank the strategies in order of importance, keeping in mind the criteria of alignment, health equity, and potential for policy, systems and environment improvements. **Please return this document to me ([sschettle@mnmed.org](mailto:sschettle@mnmed.org)) by next Monday, June 27.**

Objective	Strategy	Rank	Rationale for top three choices
Increase the use of advance care planning			Answer the question: What would you expect to happen over the next five years? How would you measure that?
	Educate health professionals about tools and resources available to them to have meaningful conversations with patients and families about ACP. This should include medical and nursing schools and other clinical academic institutions	<b>1</b>	Minnesota already has invested a lot of money, time and resources into building ACP resources for consumers and providers. We should continue to promote those resources to achieve a higher percentage of ACP conversations.
	Partner to convene statewide organizations to develop and then conduct a large-scale community awareness and education campaign with consistent messaging and resources for Minnesotans coming from all sectors of the state..	<b>2</b>	There is already a campaign underway – Honoring Choices MN. We could benefit from their mission driven project.
	Expand culturally sensitive conversations about ACP.	<b>3</b>	Evidence clearly indicates that non-English speaking patients do not trust the healthcare system, do not have a medical

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			home in most cases, and handle ACP in a different manner.
	Obtain continued commitment from health care systems to work collaboratively to promote expanded and effective use of ACP.		
	Promote the use of ACP resources for all cancer patients near the time of diagnosis or early in treatment.		Studies have proven that patients diagnosed with cancer and other life limiting illnesses benefit from having ACP conversations. Leads to increased patient satisfaction, lower stress on families and honoring patient's choices.
	Collaborate with EMR vendors and/or health care systems to develop best practices for housing and retrieving ACP materials in the electronic medical record.		EPIC is the predominant EMR vendor in MN. They have developed an ACP module in their product offerings with best practices. Many health care systems have developed their own process of storing and retrieving ACP documents and could develop a fact sheet or educational offering to clinicians.
	Partner with insurance companies to improve reimbursement for ACP conversations that supplement CMS payment rates..		CMS is now paying for ACP conversations. Insurance companies often follow CMS' lead on what to reimburse. We could work with them to assure they do that and to make sure that the patients know it's part of their benefit set.

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	Work to mandate that advance care planning services are offered to all Minnesotans.		This could be accomplished through Legislation
<b>Other Objectives or strategies – your suggestion?</b>			