



JUNE 5, 2017

[VISIT OUR WEBSITE!](#)

## **PALLIATIVE CARE & ADVANCE CARE PLANNING**

### **1. Dr. Roman Barraza spoke at NPO's Delivering Accountable Care Series on The Role of Every Physician in Palliative Care:**

Dr. Roman Barraza, a Palliative Care specialist working both with Munson Medical Center's Palliative Care Team and INDIGO Hospitalists, spoke about Palliative care: what it is, and what every physician's role is in the delivery of palliative care. Specifically, his discussion outlined the need for a care model that distinguishes primary palliative care from specialist palliative care and provides palliative care guideline for all physicians.

To see Dr. Barraza's slide presentation, click [here](#).

### **2. Advance Care Planning Resources and Tools:**

Dr. Barraza mentioned several resources within his presentation that many have requested again. Below are brief descriptions and links to these tools.

- [Eprognosis.com](#) is a website that can be used as a repository of published geriatric prognostic indices where clinicians can go to obtain evidence-based information on patients' prognoses. The information on e-Prognosis is intended as a rough guide to inform clinicians about possible mortality outcomes.
- [Munson Healthcare Advance Care Planning](#) website has been recently redesigned and can provide individuals with a wide range of information including access to advance care planning documents, answers to the most asked questions, and videos that touch on the real-world discussions and situations that patients and families face. There is also a link to identify free advance care planning events available to the public.
- [Choosing Wisely](#) is a nationally utilized series of educational materials that aims to promote conversations between clinicians and patients by helping patients choose care that is:
  - Supported by evidence
  - Not duplicative of other tests or procedures already received
  - Free from harm

- Truly necessary

The [Choosing Wisely Palliative Care](#) brochure for patients outlines how palliative care can help them during periods of serious illness, and the difference between palliative care and hospice care. Additionally, it provides for some practical advice that can help patients achieve the best medical care.

### 3. Sending Advance Care Planning Documents to Munson:

Munson Medical Center's Advance Care Planning Department and Health Information Department are pleased to announce a simple way for you to have your patient's documents on file in their electronic medical record.

You may scan and send (as attachments) legible copies of Advance Directives - ***via a secure email method*** - to [MMC-HIM-AMD@mhc.net](mailto:MMC-HIM-AMD@mhc.net).

To connect documents with the correct patient, please include the patient's:

- Name
- Address
- Birthdate
- Telephone number (in case Munson has questions related to creating medical record)

You may also fax to Health Information Management Department at (231) 935-6149 or mail a copy to Munson Medical Center HIM Department, 1105 Sixth Street, Traverse City, MI 49684.

Questions can be directed to Stephanie VanSlyke, Advance Care Planning Facilitator, at (231) 935-7277(M-W-F only) or [svanslyke@mhc.net](mailto:svanslyke@mhc.net).

### 4. How to Bill Advance Care Planning Codes:

The introduction of Advance Care Planning billing codes in recent years provides for a way in which practices can spend the time needed to ensure patients, and their families, have the information and understanding necessary to participate actively in decision making regarding end of life care decisions. This time is most effective when started early on in a patient's care, before decision making of this level is necessary. Below are resources that can assist you and your practice in finding a way to build Advance Care Planning discussions into existing patient care processes and successfully bill for these important discussions.

- [Medicare FAQ for ACP](#) codes last updated 6/2017
- Billing ACP discussions as an optional element of a [Medicare Annual Wellness Visit](#)
- [BCBSM S0257](#) code specific requirements for Advance Care/End of Life planning
- [Priority Health](#) ACP billing requirements
- Implementation of ACP guide published by the [American College of Physicians](#)

*NPO is committed to providing great resources to our members!*

Laura Salvatore | Northern Physicians Organization | 231.421.8505 | [lsalvatore@npoinc.org](mailto:lsalvatore@npoinc.org) |

Northern Physicians Organization, 125 Park Street, Suite 300, Traverse City, MI 49684

[SafeUnsubscribe™ bpataky@npoinc.org](#)

[Forward this email](#) | [Update Profile](#) | [About our service provider](#)

Sent by [lsalvatore@npoinc.org](mailto:lsalvatore@npoinc.org) in collaboration with

**Constant Contact** 

Try it free today