Patient Treatment Preferences

Please review this 9 page power point to become familiar with Franciscan St. Francis Health policy and processes related to Code Status Orders and Documentation of Patient Treatment Preferences.

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Patient Treatment Preferences (PTP)

Effective February 27, 2012 physician documentation for Concurrent Care Orders is changing to documentation for Patient Treatment Preferences (PTP)

Definitions:

Do Not Resuscitate (DNR)

*A code status order for DNR means **only** that if a patient with a DNR order is found without a pulse and respirations, no Code Blue will be called and no resuscitation effort will be initiated. A DNR order in and of itself has no effect on any patient treatment options while the patient is alive.*

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Are those specific life prolonging medical interventions which the patient has decided to accept as part of his care or to decline, not wishing specific interventions listed in the PTP section of the EMR to be initiated.

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Who, Where, When....PTP documentation

1. **Who?** PTP documentation can only be completed by a physician. The RN may accept a verbal order for patient's Code Status, but the RN _cannot_ document on PTP.

2. **Where?** From the Admission, Transfer, and Rounding Navigators PTP documentation should be completed under the section called **_Pt. Preferences_.**

3. **When?** Within 72 hours of admission to the hospital, the admitting or attending physician should discuss **Code Status and PTP** with the patient and/or family, and then document accordingly in the following places:

    a) **Code Status...**order entry or within an order set.

    b) **PTP....**on "Pt. Preferences" within the Navigators.

    c) **Details of your discussion....**in the Progress Note.

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Setting Expectations & BPA's:

1. When PTP documentation is not completed, a Best Practice Advisory (BPA) will activate. To satisfy the BPA, click the hyperlink to Pt Preferences documentation.

Patient Treatment Preferences have not been addressed for this patient on this admission. Please go to the Admission, Rounding or Transfer Navigators and complete documentation in the Pt Preferences activity.

↰ Pt Preferences

2. If Comfort Measures Only (CMO) is documented as a patient treatment preference, a BPA will fire for an IP consult to Palliative Medicine. To satisfy this BPA, process the consult order to Palliative Medicine.

Affirmative response to Comfort Measures Only question suggests this patient requires a Palliative Care Consult.

☑ 📝 Open order: Inpatient consult to Palliative Medicine

3. "Comfort Measures Only"

"Comfort Measures Only" is a plan of care with the primary goal of easing a patient's discomfort (physical, psycho-social and/or spiritual). Comfort Measures are instituted most commonly near end of life when cure is no longer likely and maximal relief of suffering from burdensome symptoms (for example: pain, nausea, dyspnea, anxiety, etc.) is the patient's primary goal. Compassionate caring in support of the patient's dignity and values is always of highest importance. Generally, treatments or procedures that offer minimal benefit with high burden are to be avoided. Palliative Care consultation is advised when Comfort Measures is chosen as the plan of care.

MD Documentation of PTP…

1. After PTP discussion with the patient/family, access **"Pt Preferences"** documentation through the Admission, Rounding and/or Transfer Navigator.

2. If the patient does not express treatment preferences, document **"No Preferences Indicated."** (This will satisfy the BPA)

3. For each PTP question, the **Last Filed Value** for this encounter is displayed

4. If revisions are needed to existing PTP, all documentation must be re-addressed for each question.

5. Add comments using the paperclip icon.

6. There is not a SAVE or ACCEPT icon. Therefore, the documentation is automatically saved when you click **Yes/No** or enter a comment.

Below is an illustration of the PTP documentation screen to be used by medical staff.
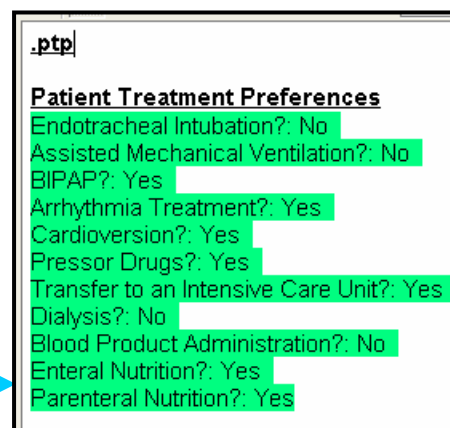
PTP Smartlink… for Notes

1. To assist with Patient Treatment Preference documentation a SmartLink has been created for notes.

2. *.ptp* will display the last filed value for this encounter, and it includes Advanced Directive documentation completed by the nurse.

   .ptp SmartLink ➡

   .ptp

   Patient Treatment Preferences
   Endotracheal Intubation?: No
   Assisted Mechanical Ventilation?: No
   BIPAP?: Yes
   Arrhythmia Treatment?: Yes
   Cardioversion?: Yes
   Pressor Drugs?: Yes
   Transfer to an Intensive Care Unit?: Yes
   Dialysis?: No
   Blood Product Administration?: No
   Enteral Nutrition?: Yes
   Parenteral Nutrition?: Yes

*Reminder…*PTP discussion should be documented in the physician's progress note and the patient's decisions should be entered into the EMR on the "Pt. Preferences" documentation screen, accessible from the Navigators.

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Need to know…. Go to PTP report

1. PTP Report hyperlink in Patient Header

Bed: C468-01 PCP: None	Code: **DNR**
Admit Dt: 09/2… Allergies: **Seafood**	Pt. Pref: PTP

   a) **Click PTP** to review documentation for this encounter.

   b) **Click DNR** to review Code Status History

2. On the Report

   a) **Yes** = pt desires intervention
     No = pt does not desire intervention

   b) **- -** indicates documentation was not addressed.

3. Advanced Directive documentation completed by the nurse is included on the report. If the patient brings AD to the hospital it gets scanned into the EMR. At the bottom of this report is a "Media" link that routes to scanned images.

Adv. Dir - Scanned Documents
Scanned AD from patient ➔ ↰Media

Patient Treatment Preferences

Row Name	02/13/12 2329	09/29/11 1412
Patient Treatment Preferences		
Reason not addressed:	--	--
Comfort Measures Only?	No -IP information obtained from patient and her husband.	Yes -IP
Endotracheal Intubation?	No -IP	--
Assisted Mechanical Ventilation?	No -IP	-- -IP
BIPAP?	No -IP	--
Arrhythmia Treatment?	Yes -IP	--
Cardioversion?	Yes -IP	-- -IP
Pressor Drugs?	Yes -IP	-- -IP
Transfer to an Intensive Care Unit?	Yes -IP	-- -IP
Dialysis?	No -IP	-- -IP
Blood Product Administration?	No -IP	-- -IP
Enteral Nutrition?	No -IP	--
Parenteral Nutrition?	No -IP	--
Antibiotics?	--	Yes -IP
Cardiac Defibrillation?	--	--
Recorded by	[IP] Physician, Inpatient, MD	[IP] Physician, Inpatient, MD

2 More Reports….

Patient Summary

1. Under Advanced Directives
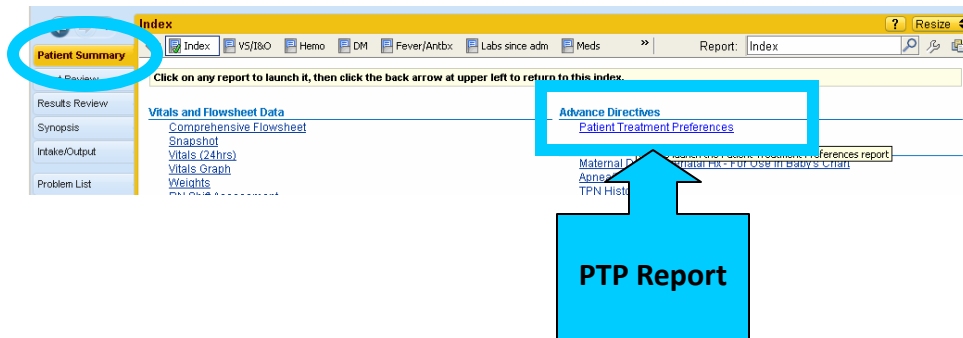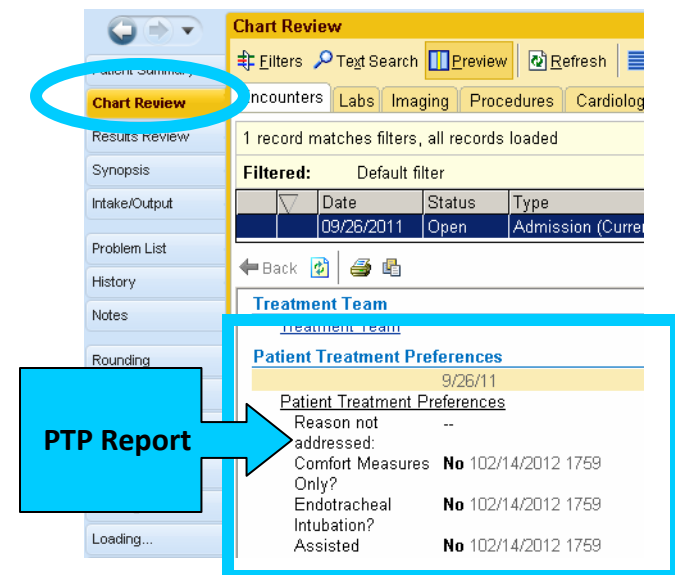2. Click link to Patient Treatment Preferences for current encounter.

PTP Report

Chart Review

1. Encounter Tab
2. Highlight encounter to review prior PTP documentation.
3. Scroll down to Patient Treatment Preferences.

PTP Report

In Conclusion....

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