### **Advance Directives**



## Why Do We Care About ADs?

- Reduces unwanted hospitalizations at least once during last six months of life in 72% of the people
- Reduces costs of care in last two years of life on average by \$79,000
- Reduces inpatient days in last two years of life by 16.7 days
- Reduces hospital deaths by 25%
- Reduces percent of decedents seeing 10 or more different physicians during the last 6 months of life by 42%
- Reduces percent of decedents spending 7 or more days in the ICU during last 6 months of life by 15%
- Reduces percent of decedents admitted to ICU in which death occurred by 18.5%



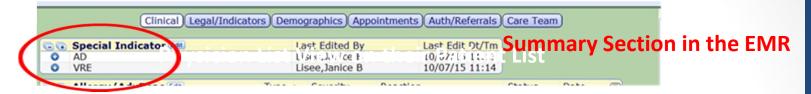
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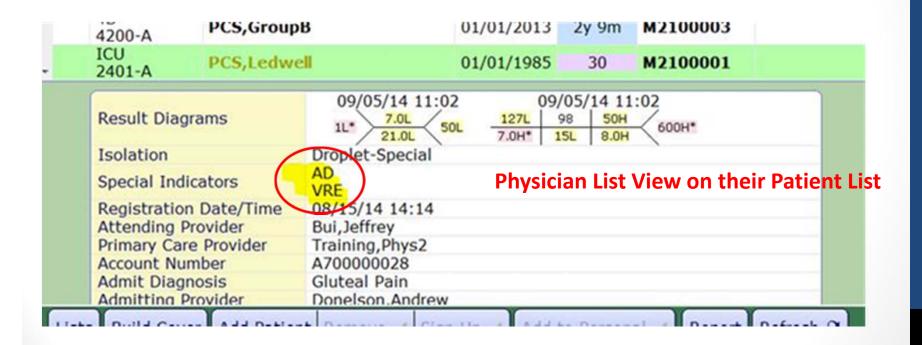
An advance directive gives the patient **control** over their healthcare and quality of life.

It gives them choices!



# Advanced Directives "AD" is now in the "Special Indicators" section of Meditech patient summary screen







#### Issue:

Patients think that the hospital automatically has their Advance Directive if they have shared it with their primary care physician.

#### Recommendation:

Sending the Advance Directive to FMH Health Information Management (Medical Records) for filing in Meditech should be part of the office workflow for the FIHN physicians. This way any health care provider is aware of the document and patient's wishes are honored.



## How to relay a patient's Advanced Directive information to FMH for clinicians to view in the patient's record

- Fax to FMH Medical Records: 240-566-3619
- Email a scanned copy to: <u>#FMHHIM-Analysts@FMH.org</u> and <u>#FMHHIM-Clerk@FMH.org</u>
- FMH intraoffice mail
- US postal service mail to:

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