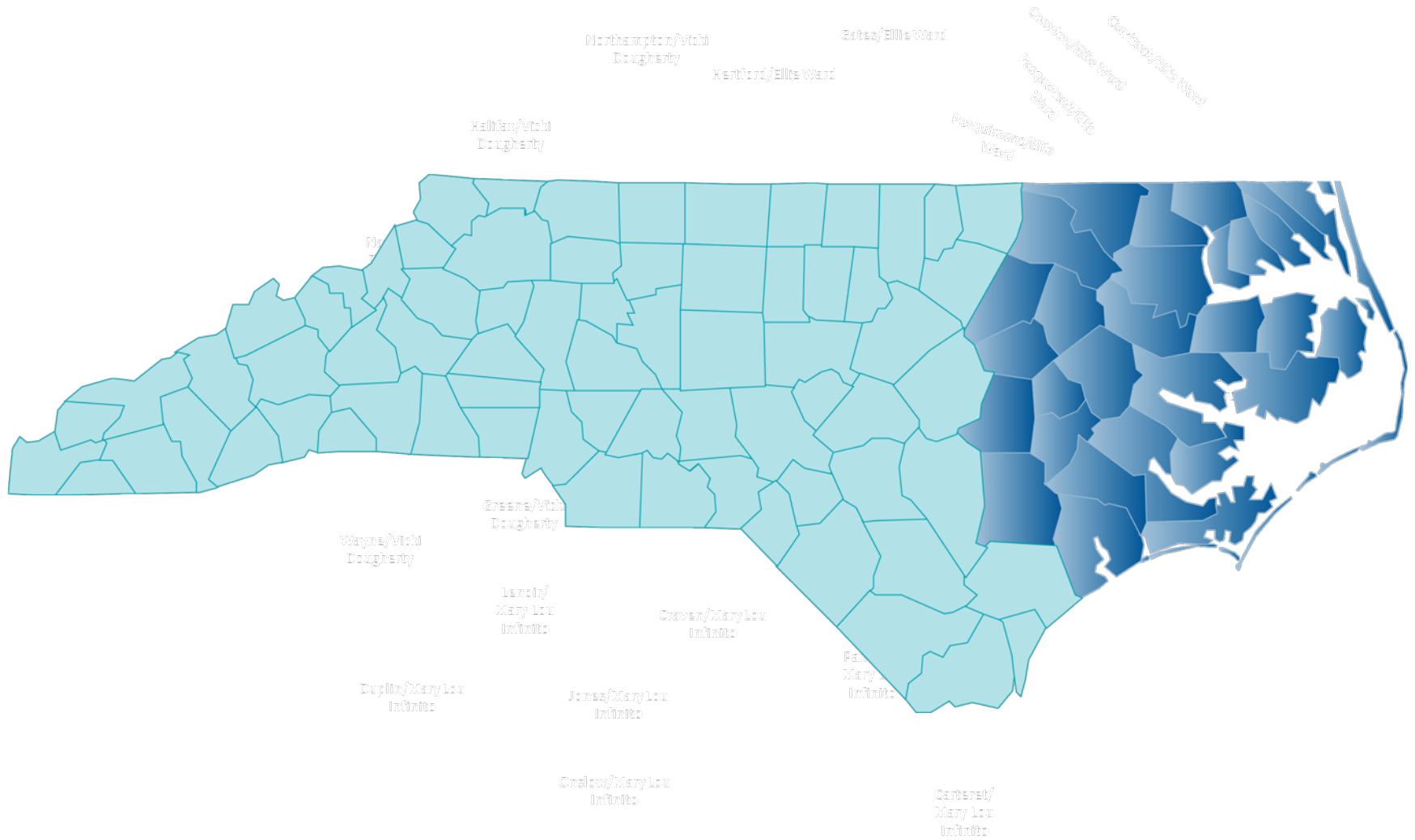


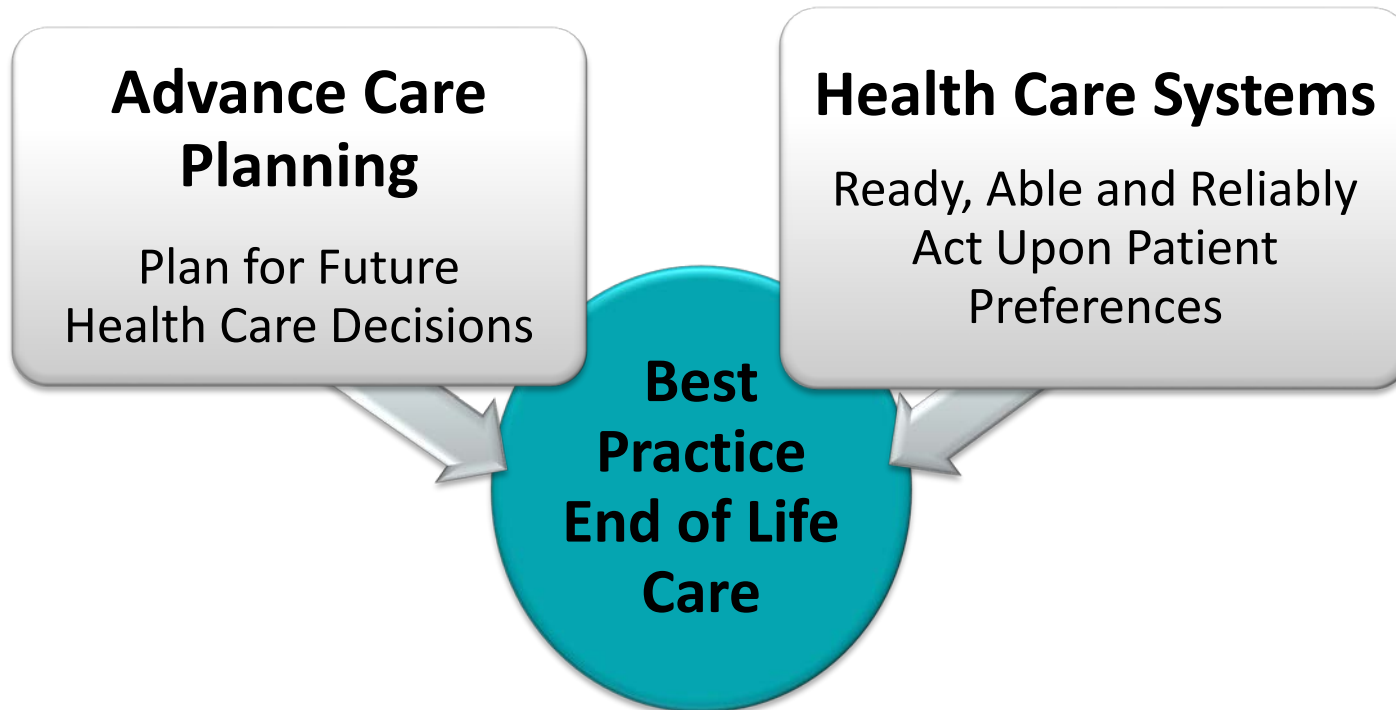
Challenges health systems face in accessing AD documents, providing training, and communicating with patients and families



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# Vidant Health Footprint





**Every adult with an Advance Directive**

**Be honest to enable informed choices**

**Know what matters to our patients**

**Honor and act upon their preferences**

# Vidant Health 2019 Work Plan

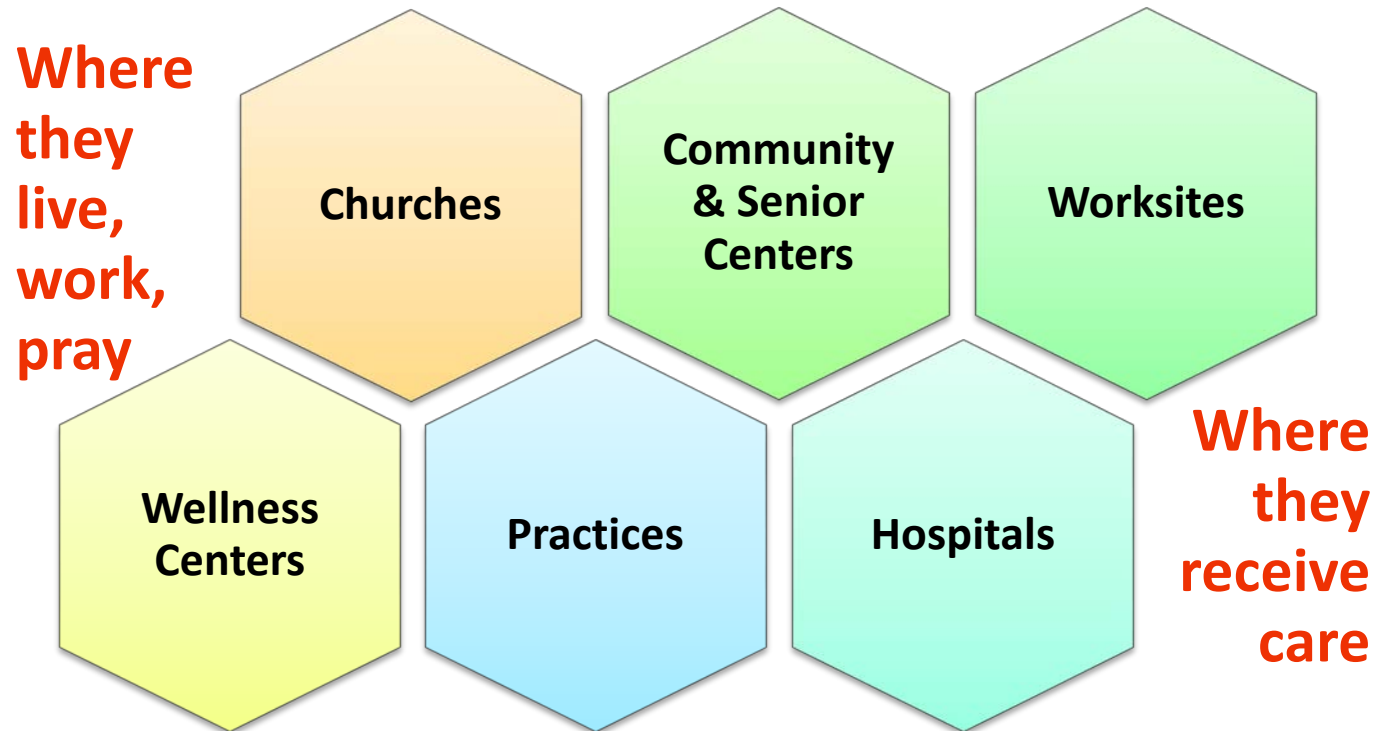


Community ACP Outreach	Team Member Education	Experience	ACP Systems	Analytics	Integrate & Transform Care	Advocacy
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• ACP events in faith, community, worksites, hospitals, clinics</li><li>• 3 Campaigns: Conversation Sabbath, NHCDD, Dying to Know</li><li>• Marketing enhancements: web content, videos, event referral workflow &amp; marketing</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Secure and launch provider curriculum</li><li>• ACP in Essentials for Excellence Module</li><li>• Increase team members trained in ELNEC &amp; Respecting Choices</li><li>• Serve as regional training center and faculty</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Increase team member participation in HELLO</li><li>• Explore No One Dies Alone and Death Doula Programs</li><li>• Monitor experience surveys, complaints &amp; grievances for opportunities and celebrations</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• EHR ACP Navigator &amp; Visits – Refine, drive uptake, audit documentation &amp; reimbursement</li><li>• MyChart revisions</li><li>• Document indexing workflow audit</li><li>• Complete EOL/ACP Policy Review</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Drill down capability of Advance Directive Metric</li><li>• Team Member ACP Measure via CIN</li><li>• Establish EOL Scorecard</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• We're Listening innovations</li><li>• Increase ACP in service lines</li><li>• Support Palliative Care development for regional hospitals and outpatient</li><li>• Develop EOL strategies for population health</li><li>• Collaboratives to improve transitions and portability of MOST/DNR</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• State &amp; National leadership &amp; collaboration : TCC Board, NCHA, NCPCC, NCIOM Palliative Care Task Force, Premier, Respecting Choices Advisory</li><li>• Legislative Agenda</li></ul>

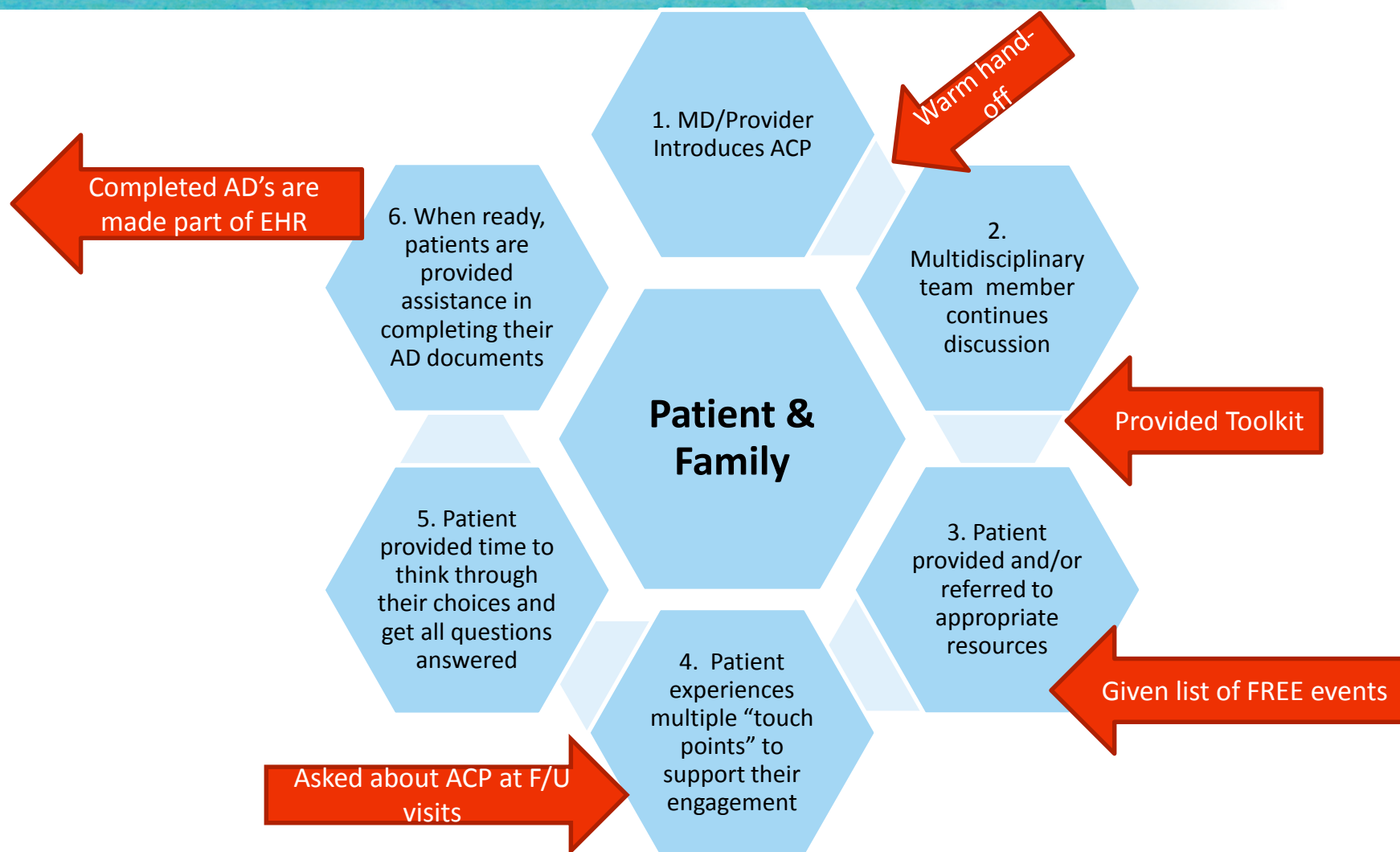
# Community engagement

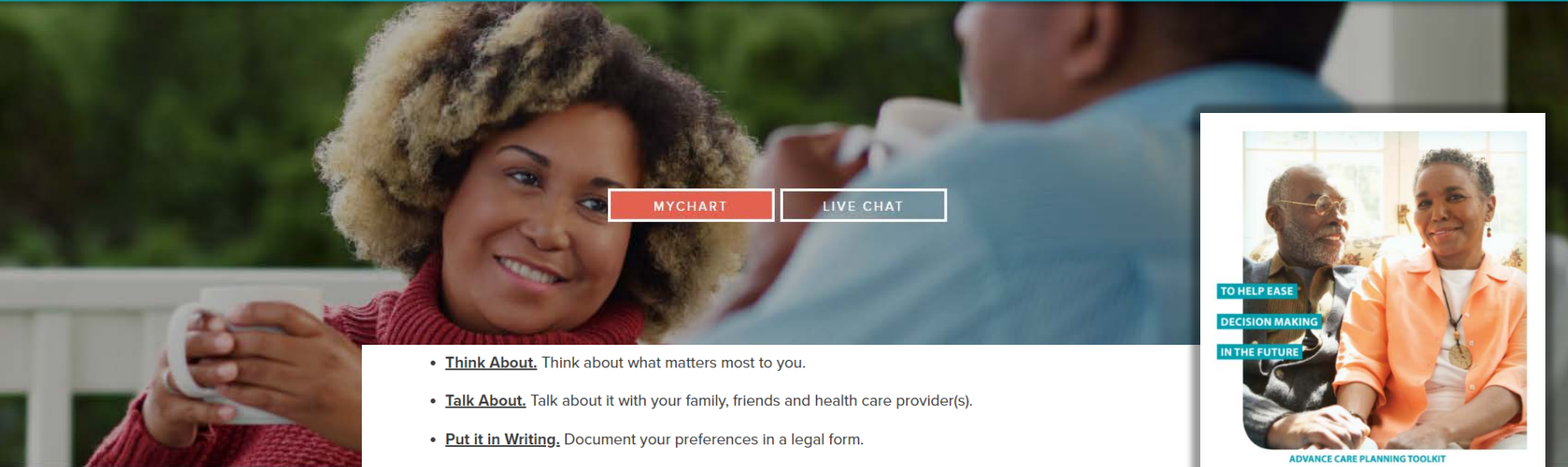
Past 3 Years: 850 Events- 15,537 Participation- 1000 AD Scanned in Community  
FY 2018: 347 Events 10,578 Participation 281 AD Scanned in Community \$300K Community Benefit

Engaging Consumers in Advance Care Planning & Completion of Advance Directives



# Desired state





### Manage My Health

Advance Care Planning

- **Think About.** Think about what matters most to you.
- **Talk About.** Talk about it with your family, friends and health care provider(s).
- **Put it in Writing.** Document your preferences in a legal form.
- **Share.** Share Your Advance Directives with your family, friends and health care providers.
- **Review.** Review your documents periodically, but at least annually.

**DOWNLOAD THE TOOLKIT**

**DESCARGUE LA GUIA**

**ADVANCE INSTRUCTION FOR MENTAL HEALTH**

If you are interested in becoming a facilitator for advance care planning, **please download this information packet** and follow the registration instructions.

Watch the short instructional video below from Legal Aid of NC to walk you step-by-step through completion of the Toolkit.





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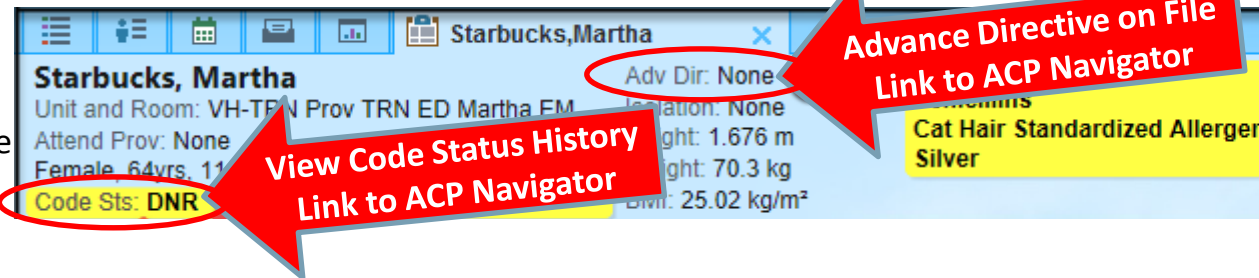
Challenges related to  
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# Epic re-design

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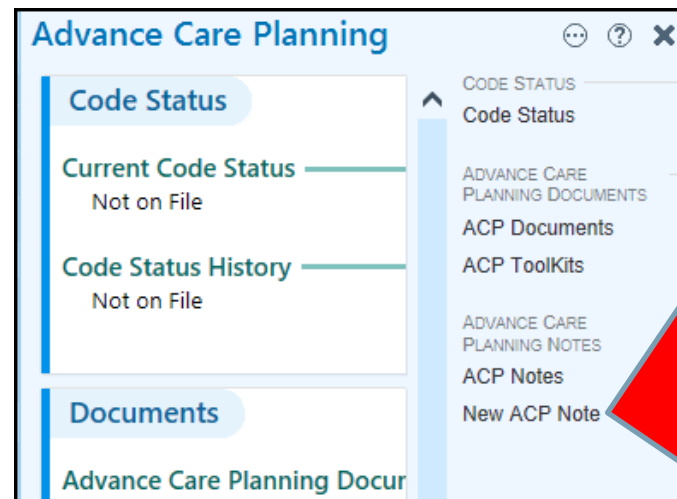
- Quick Check Code Status
- Quick Check if Advance Directive on File
- Hyperlink to ACP Navigator



The screenshot shows the Epic patient header for Starbucks, Martha. The header includes fields for Unit and Room, Attend Prov, and Code Sts. The Code Sts field is highlighted in yellow and contains the text "DNR". A red arrow points to the "Code Sts: DNR" field with the text "View Code Status History Link to ACP Navigator". Another red arrow points to the "Adv Dir: None" field with the text "Advance Directive on File Link to ACP Navigator".

## ACP Navigator:

- View Code Status History
- View Advance Directives - Current & History
- View ACP Notes across Inpatient & Ambulatory
- Add ACP Note - ANYONE!
  - Provider, Case Manager, SW, RN, Chaplain.
  - If you have an ACP Conversation – Document It!



The screenshot shows the "Advance Care Planning" interface. The left sidebar has sections for "Code Status" and "Documents". The "Code Status" section includes "Current Code Status" (Not on File) and "Code Status History" (Not on File). The "Documents" section includes "Advance Care Planning Documents". The right pane shows a list of items: "CODE STATUS", "Code Status", "ADVANCE CARE PLANNING DOCUMENTS", "ACP Documents", "ACP ToolKits", "ADVANCE CARE PLANNING NOTES", "ACP Notes", and "New ACP Note". A red arrow points to the "New ACP Note" item with the text "Document ACP Conversations in an ACP Note".



Not the time to check the EHR



# What if...





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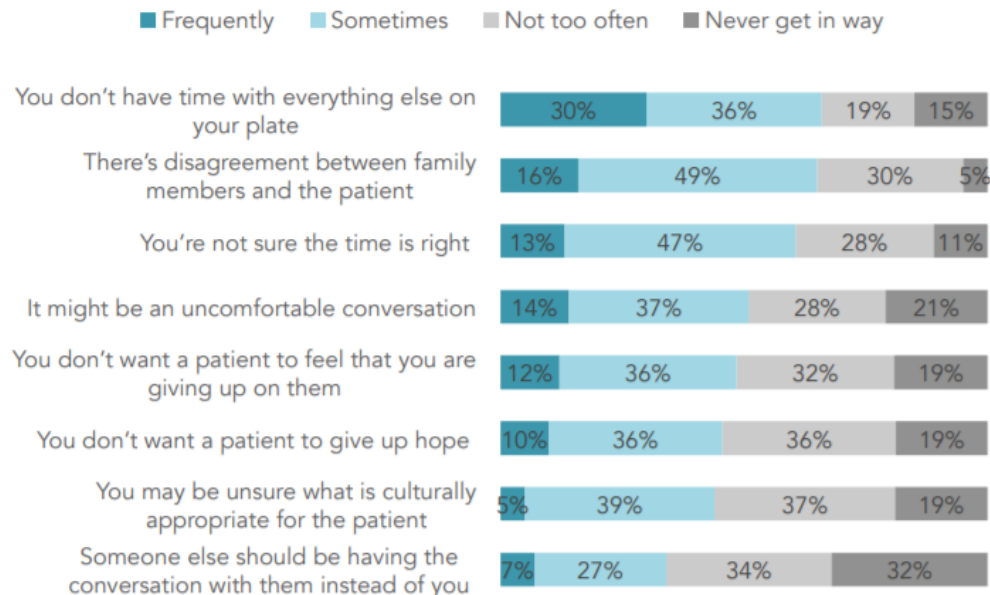
# Challenges related to ACP training

“The Irish believe death is inevitable, the English that death is imminent, the Americans that death is optional”

# Whose job is it?

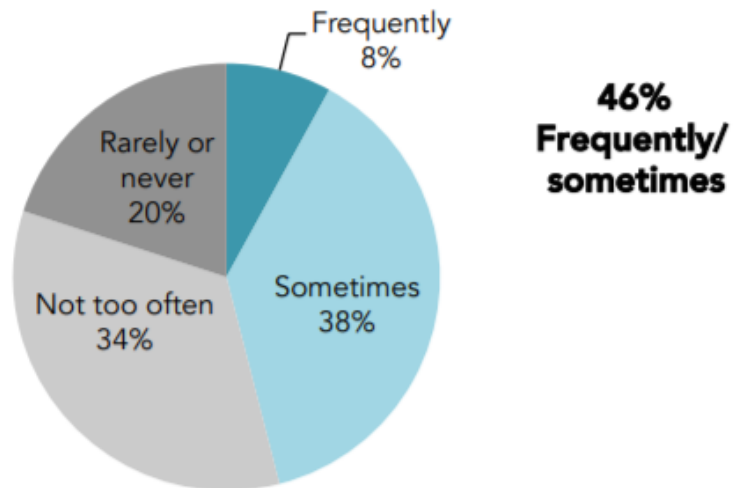
**Physicians report a number of barriers in the way of talking to their patients over age 65 about end-of-life wishes.** Two-thirds say that time has been a barrier to having these conversations. Other top barriers include disagreements between family members and the patient, not knowing when is the right time to have the conversation, feeling like the conversation might be uncomfortable, not wanting to give up hope, and feeling unsure what is culturally appropriate for the patient.

*Think about your patients 65 and older with a serious illness. Have any of the following ever gotten in the way of talking to them about their end-of-life wishes? IF YES: how often does this get in the way for you....*



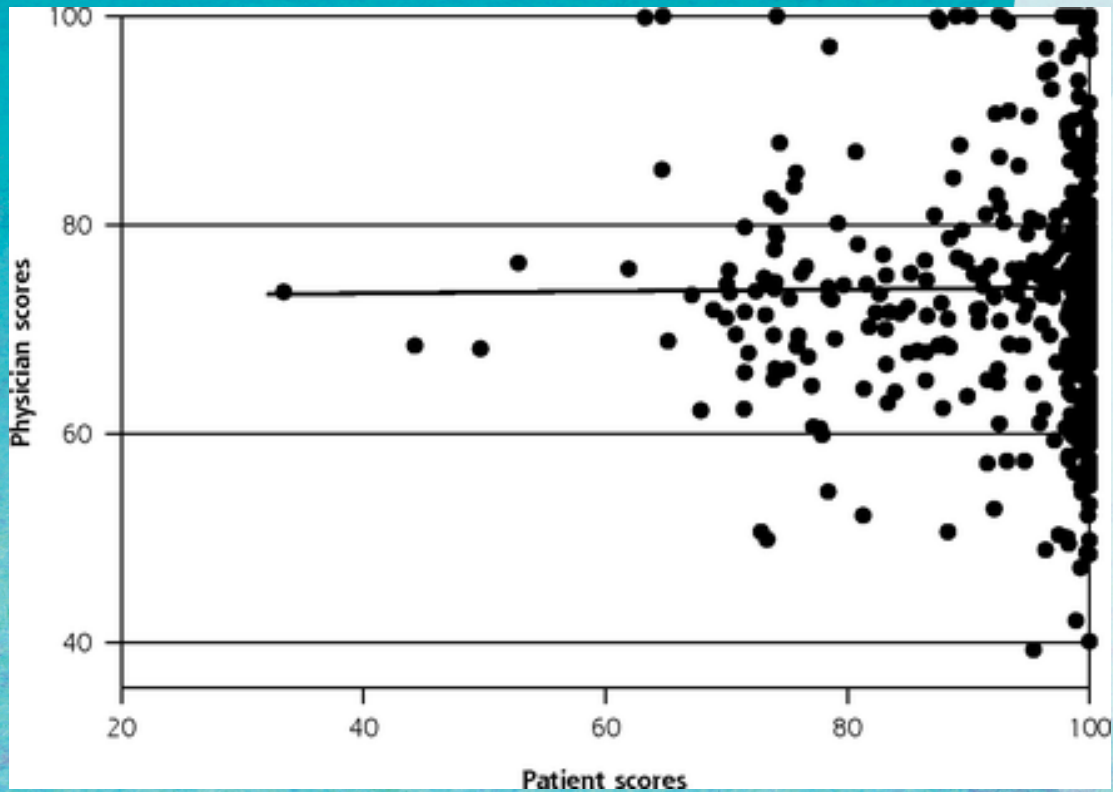
**Close to half of physicians surveyed (46 percent) says they frequently or sometimes feel unsure of what to say during conversations about end-of-life care.** One-third (34 percent) says they feel this way “not too often.” Twenty-percent say they rarely or never feel unsure of what to say.

*During conversations about end-of-life care, how often do you feel unsure of what to say? Would you say:*





## The Evaluation of Physicians' Communication Skills From Multiple Perspectives

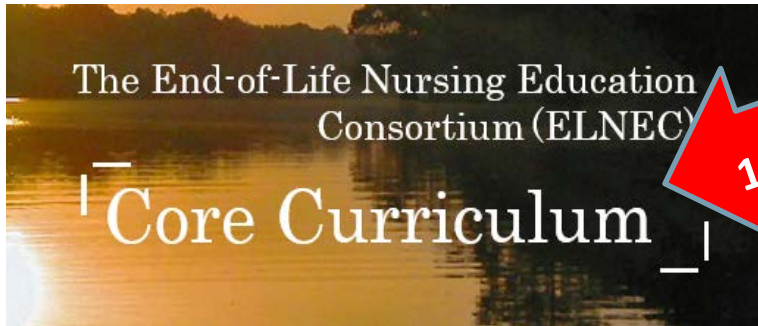


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In-person, turn-key products for MD's/Providers are all very good (Vital Talk, Respecting Choices, SICP), but...

- Expensive
- Require broad system buy-in/investment/support
- Long-term dedication (creating opportunities to use/teach skills, ongoing mentoring/coaching for skill refinement over the long haul)
- Who do you train? (early adopters; moveable middle; axe carrying resisters..?)
- Is training sufficient for integration? No!

# System trainings/resources



14.5 CEU's

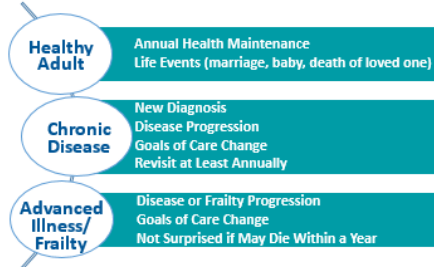
Learn Center for Dates & Details



14 CEU's

## Advance Care Planning Conversation Guide

### WHEN TO TALK ABOUT ADVANCE CARE PLANNING



### GUIDING QUESTIONS FOR ADVANCE CARE PLANNING CONVERSATIONS

#### Healthy Adults (prompt HCP/A and Living Will)

- "Advance care planning is something I talk about with all of my patients. It is really important to me that I know what matters to you so I can honor your care preferences if needed. Are you ok to discuss this?"
- "If you were in a car accident and couldn't speak for yourself, what kind of care would you want or not want? Have you documented this in a Living Will?"
- "Who would make decisions for you? Have you talked with them about your preferences? Have you documented this in a Health Care Power of Attorney?"

#### Chronic Disease (build upon Healthy Adult conversation)

- "What is your understanding of where you are with your illness?"
- "How much information about what is likely to be ahead with your illness would you like from me?"
- "What are your most important goals if your health situation worsens?"
- "What are your biggest fears or worries about the future with your health?"
- "What gives you strength as you think about the future with your illness?"
- "How much does your family know about your priorities and wishes?"

#### Advanced Illness or Frailty (build upon Chronic Disease conversation; assess for MOST / DNR)

- "We're all hoping things go well, unfortunately, that doesn't always happen. Would it be ok to talk about a plan in case things don't go the way we'd like?"
- "Are the right family members/friends here?" "Is there anyone else we should include in this conversation?"
- "What abilities are so critical to your life that you can't imagine living without them?"
- "What would a good day look like for you? What about a bad day?"
- "If you become sicker, how much are you willing to go through for the possibility of gaining more time?"

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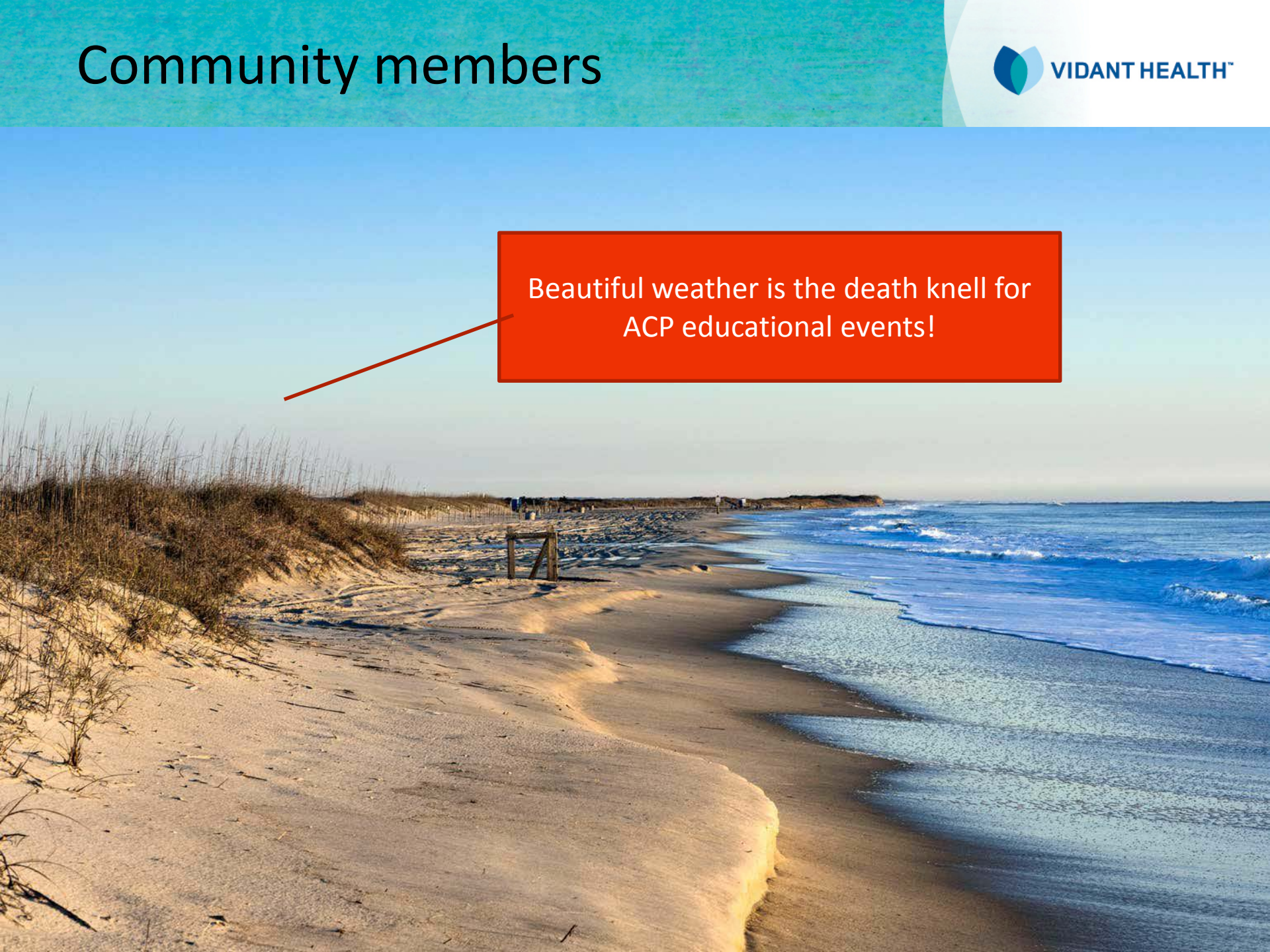
# Nurses and other staff



# Community members



Beautiful weather is the death knell for  
ACP educational events!

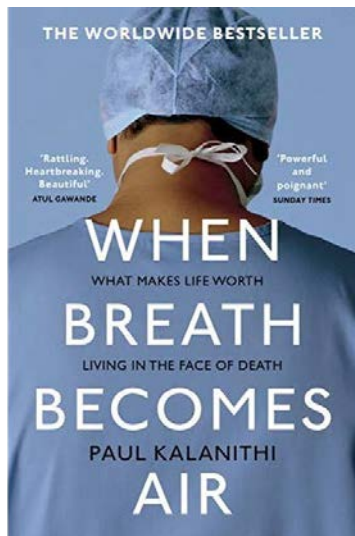
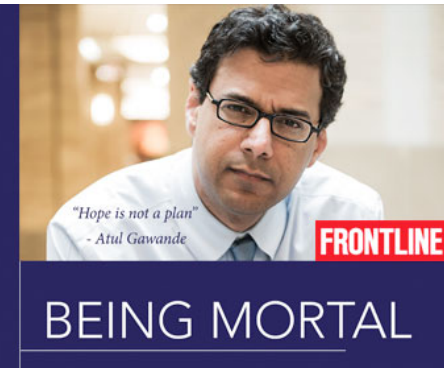


# Keeping it fresh...



If you thought you were dying, what would matter most?

Join a national dialogue taking place in your community concerning an inescapable reality of life: death. Gather with friends, neighbors and peers to watch the FRONTLINE documentary *Being Mortal*, which explores what matters most to patients and families experiencing serious illness.



- NHDD
- Dying to Know: Bringing Death to Life
- Conversation Sabbath



Writing Your Own Obituary- Class at Chowan University

# Challenges around ACP communication with patients and families



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You may not control life's  
circumstances, but getting to be the  
author of your life means getting to  
control what you do with them.

-A. Gawande

# Requires deep listening





# Thank You



“Sometimes we can offer a cure, sometimes only a salve, sometimes not even that. But whatever we can offer, our interventions, and the risks and sacrifices they entail, are justified only if they serve the larger aims of a person's life. When we forget that, the suffering we inflict can be barbaric. When we remember it the good we do can be breathtaking.”

Atul Guwande