Perinatal Palliative Care: A Practical Solution

• Protocol driven perinatal palliative care is sustainable
• Increasing technologies to support medical complexity

TOOLS
• Neonatal Palliative Care Screen
• Parent Decision Making Journal
• Comfort Care Documentation Flowsheet

OPPORTUNITY

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METHOD

NICU
CICU
Maternal Fetal

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dated Neonatal Palliative Care Screening Tool (in development)

Positive Screen—Palliative Consult
Negative Screen—Weekly Reevaluation

Intervention
Wait and See
Support evolving GOC

COMFORT CARE PROTOCOL
• Coordination with home hospital
• Cultural/Spiritual EOL Assessment
• Symptom Management Guidelines—pharm and non pharm (flowsheet)
• Memory Making
• Bereavement

INTENDED OUTCOMES
• Standardization of perinatal palliative care
• Increased family/patient satisfaction
• Staff education and support
• Increased number of patients receiving palliative care

All references available upon request

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