

## End of Life in Advanced Medical Surgical Lecture

<b>List the signs that the nurse would anticipate seeing that death is approaching.</b>				
Psychological	Cardiovascular	Respiratory	Sensory	Additional Signs

The nurse should perform a pain assessment during the final hours of life. How would they best accomplish this? What other symptoms might be triggering pain that the nurse should assess?

Differentiate withdrawing care versus withholding care. What things would the nurse anticipate when withdrawing care of a patient? What would the nurse document when withdrawing care of a patient?

Brain death – list the criteria. What would that look like when assessing a patient?

The organ procurement organization should be notified when? Who's responsible for this?

List nursing interventions the nurse should implement for an organ donor waiting on organ retrieval.

List some ethical issues that may occur more frequently when a patient is dying but could occur at any time.

Describe an advance directive. When is this used? Who can make decisions for a patient if there is not an advance directive?

Why is self-care important and how is it related to end-of-life nursing?

Review the following American Nurses Association Code of Ethics for Nurses statements and answer the questions.

1. 2017 Nutrition and Hydration at the End of Life  
[Nutrition and Hydration at the End of Life | ANA Enterprise \(nursingworld.org\)](#)  
Should a patient continue to receive nutritional therapy against their wishes? Or against the families wishes? Can a patient with decision making capacity decide if they no longer wish to eat or drink? How would you handle a situation like this?
2. 2021 Nursing care and Do-Not-Resuscitate (DNR) Decisions - read the Statement of ANA position.  
[nursing-care-and-do-not-resuscitate-dnr-decisions-final-nursingworld.pdf](#)  
What is the difference between DNR and withdrawing care?
3. 2019 The nurse's role when a patient request medical aid in dying - read the Statement of ANA position.  
[the-nurses-role-when-a-patient-requests-medical-aid-in-dying-web-format.pdf \(nursingworld.org\)](#)  
How is euthanasia different from medical aid in dying? What is the nurse's role in medical aiding a patient who is dying?