

# Surgery

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This Learning Pathway contains training and tools to provide an added layer of support for surgical patients and their families or other caregivers. It includes continuing education courses in how to communicate with patients about their goals of care and support difficult decision-making, and when to refer to specialty palliative care.

## **Discussing Serious News**

Learn best practices for having patient-centered conversations about a serious illness diagnosis.

## **Discussing Prognosis With Patients and Caregivers**

Learn how to effectively discuss prognosis with patients and their caregivers.

## **Clarifying Patient Goals of Care**

Learn best practices for building trust, eliciting patient values, and having patient-centered conversations about goals of care.

## **Leading a Patient and Caregiver Meeting**

Learn to effectively lead meetings that help patients and caregivers become aligned around the patient's goals.

## **Care Planning**

Learn techniques to help patients and their caregivers plan for the future, both during the early stages of a serious illness and as a disease progresses.

## **Billing and Coding for Advance Care Planning (ACP) Services**

Requirements, best practices, documentation requirements, and time thresholds for Advance Care Planning (ACP) services. Center to Advance Palliative Care, January 2024.

## **Reducing Risks for Older Adults**

This course provides context and best practices for identifying older adults at risk for poor outcomes, including falls, delirium, and caregiving challenges.

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