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prognosis	ethical assessment of the patient situation ethical assessment of the therapy therapeutic limits natural dying overall awareness of the patient's situation decision-making consistency in the carrying out of decisions progression of the disease mechanical ventilation brain injury inauspicious prognosis certain oncological diseases complications need for resuscitation length of stay in ICU*
interprofessional cooperation	Involvement of nurses Communication Knowledge about palliative care
relatives	intense burden inclusion in care decision-making Wish for life-sustaining treatment Wish for palliative care
patients	age wish for palliative care symptom burden