Supplementary material E. Components of the Standard Hamric MDS-R and the MMD-HP

Dyssynchrony/ Disharmony	Items
MDS-R	
Individual-societal ring	Individual-societal ring conflict in relation to patient care
dyssynchrony	"Provide less than optimal care due to pressures from administrators or insurers to reduce costs."
	• "Follow the family's wishes to continue life support even though I believe it is not in the best interest of
	the patient"
	"Follow the family's request not to discuss death with a dying patient who asks about dying"
	"Feel pressure from others to order what I consider to be unnecessary tests and treatments"
	"Continue to participate in care for a hopelessly ill person who is being sustained on a ventilator, when
	no one will make a decision to withdraw support"
	• "Ignore situations in which patients have not been given adequate information to insure informed
	consent"
	"Watch patient care suffer because of a lack of provider continuity"
	"Be required to care for patients I do not feel qualified to care for"

• "Follow the family's wishes of the patient's care when I do not agree with them, but do so because of fears of a lawsuit"

Individual-societal ring conflict in relation to intra-team dynamics

- "Assist physician or other health care providers who in my opinion are not as competent as the patient care requires"
- "Avoid taking action when I learn that a physician or nurse colleague has made a medical error and does not report it"
- "Witness healthcare providers giving "false hope" to the patient or family"
- "Witness diminished patient care quality due to poor team communication"
- "Take no action about an observed ethical issue because the involved staff member or someone in a position of authority requested that I do nothing"
- "Let medical students perform painful procedures on patients solely to improve their skill"

Individual-societal ring conflict due to societal constraints

• "Because of insufficient time, I cannot admit patient and provide complete and appropriate treatment"

• "Because of shortage of drugs and medical equipment, I could not provide the appropriate treatment for
the patient"
• "I do not give the right treatment to the patient because he cannot pay the hospital costs"
"Initiate extensive life-saving actions when I think they only prolong death"
• "Provide care that does not relieve the patient's suffering because I fear that increasing the dose of pain
medication will cause death"
• "Request nurses or others not to discuss the patient's prognosis with the patient or family"
• "Increase the dose of sedatives/opiates for an unconscious patient that I believe could hasten the patient's
death"
Individual-societal ring conflict in relation to patient care
• "Be required to care for more patients than I can safely care for."
• "Feel required to overemphasize tasks and productivity or quality measures at the expense of patient
care"
"Be required to care for patients whom I do not feel qualified to care for."

- "Be required to work with abusive patients/family members who are compromising quality of care."
- "Follow the family's insistence to continue aggressive treatment even though I believe it is not in the best interest of the patient."
- "Continue to provide aggressive treatment for a person who is most likely to die regardless of this treatment when no one will make a decision to withdraw it."
- "Feel pressured to order or carry out orders for what I consider to be unnecessary or inappropriate tests and treatments."
- "Follow a physician's or family member's request not to discuss the patient's prognosis with the patient/family."
- "Be required to work with other healthcare team members who are not as competent as patient care requires."
- "Be required to care for patients who have unclear or inconsistent treatment plans or who lack goals of care"
- "Feel pressured to ignore situations in which patients have not been given adequate information to ensure informed consent"
- "Participate in care that causes unnecessary suffering or does not adequately relieve pain or symptoms."

• "Watch patient care suffer because of a lack of provider continuity."

Individual-societal ring conflict in relation to intra-team dynamics

- "Witness healthcare providers giving "false hope" to a patient or family."
- "Feel unsafe/bullied amongst my own colleagues."
- "Fear retribution if I speak up."
- "Be pressured to avoid taking action when I learn that a physician, nurse, or other team colleague has made a medical error and does not report it."
- "Participate on a team that gives inconsistent messages to a patient/family"
- "Witness a violation of a standard of practice or a code of ethics and not feel sufficiently supported to report the violation."
- "Witness low quality of patient care due to poor team communication."
- "Work with team members who do not treat vulnerable or stigmatized patients with dignity and respect."
- "Work within power hierarchies in teams, units, and my institution that compromise patient care."

Individual-societal ring conflict due to societal constraints

- "Experience compromised patient care due to lack of resources/equipment/bed capacity."
- "Have excessive documentation requirements that compromise patient care."
- 'Be unable to provide optimal care due to pressures from administrators or insurers to reduce costs."
- "Experience lack of administrative action or support for a problem that is compromising patient care."
- "Participate in care that I do not agree with, but do so because of fears of litigation."