



Coalition to Improve Advanced Care

The Coalition to Improve Advanced Care is a collaborative effort of nonprofit and community organizations in Arlington County and surrounding areas. Our mission is to improve the quality of life for those facing advanced illness and their caregivers.

Our Beliefs

We seek to change attitudes, practices, and systems. Our work is motivated by the following beliefs:

We believe that dying is a natural part of living.

We believe that the best care is person-centered and developed through shared-decision making with patients, families, and interdisciplinary care teams.

We believe that all people should receive physical, psychosocial, and spiritual care that aligns with their needs, values and goals and honors their dignity.

We believe that working together we can take concrete actions to improve advanced illness care.

Our Goals

1. Promote and facilitate honest and open conversations within families and communities about advanced illness care preferences.
2. Build knowledge, skills, and engagement to help people make informed decisions and promote person-centered care in the advanced care delivery system.
3. Enhance the quality and coordination of advanced illness care across community institutions and health systems.
4. Expand and improve access to support services for families and caregivers.

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