

# MCS Selective Decision Making in the ICU

**Description:** This seminar course will cover issues such as the use of critical care resources, defining the goals of critical care intervention, predicting long term outcome in the chronically critically ill, communication around goals of care and end of life, and planning family meetings.

## Instructors



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## Educational Objectives:

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At the conclusion of this course you will have the ability to:

- 1 Describe the types of critical care and the types of patients who need it
- 2 Delineate the processes of goal setting
- 3 Communicate goals to team and families
- 4 Understand the limitations of providing critical care in our health care system
- 5 Explore the patient/family view point in terms of acute and chronic critical care and quality of life

## Requirements and Outline:

Class presentations and participation, Readings. Readings and class preparation must be done before class. Attendance to all sessions is mandatory.

Week 1: Use of resources in the ICU – should age be a criterion for aggressive ICU care?

Week 2: Setting goals of care in the ICU – acute and chronic critical care and quality of life; long-term outcomes

Week 3: Communication with families – family meetings, patient/family view point

Week 4: Limitations of care – withholding/withdrawing LST, MOLST forms, DNR/DNI

## Class Size

Minimum 6 / Maximum 12

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