Acute & Community Hospital Evidence

Earlier identification of patients considered to be in the last year of life is a recognised pre-cursor to improved end of life care. 22 Acute and Community Hospital wards that were GSF Accredited and received the GSF Quality Hallmark Award supported by the British Geriatric Society and Community Hospitals association in 2014-5 demonstrated high levels of early identification of patients (average over 30% patients acute hospitals and 45% community), and high levels of patients offered advance care planning discussions to each identified patient (75%-100%), leading to an improved systematic approach to care for patients in the last year of life with any diagnosis.

Source: Ref Thomas Armstrong Wilson National GSF Centre in End of life care GSF Accreditation flyers

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