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## List of Publications by Year in descending order

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1	Barriers to Goals of Care Discussions With Seriously Ill Hospitalized Patients and Their Families. JAMA Internal Medicine, 2015, 175, 549.	5.1	314
2	The "surprise question" for predicting death in seriously ill patients: a systematic review and meta-analysis. Cmaj, 2017, 189, E484-E493.	2.0	281
3	Triage of Scarce Critical Care Resources in COVID-19 An Implementation Guide for Regional Allocation. Chest, 2020, 158, 212-225.	0.8	231
4	Improving End-of-Life Communication and Decision Making: The Development of a Conceptual Framework and Quality Indicators. Journal of Pain and Symptom Management, 2015, 49, 1070-1080.	1.2	180
5	Guidelines for the withdrawal of life-sustaining measures. Intensive Care Medicine, 2016, 42, 1003-1017.	8.2	135
6	Pandemic palliative care: beyond ventilators and saving lives. Cmaj, 2020, 192, E400-E404.	2.0	127
7	What really matters in end-of-life discussions? Perspectives of patients in hospital with serious illness and their families. Cmaj, 2014, 186, E679-E687.	2.0	117
8	Perceptions of "futile care" among caregivers in intensive care units. Cmaj, 2007, 177, 1201-1208.	2.0	103
9	Palliating a Pandemic: "All Patients Must Be Cared For". Journal of Pain and Symptom Management, 2010, 39, 291-295.	1.2	103
10	Early experience with medical assistance in dying in Ontario, Canada: a cohort study. Cmaj, 2020, 192, E173-E181.	2.0	62
11	Streptococcal Meningitis Resulting from Contact with an Infected Horse. Journal of Clinical Microbiology, 2001, 39, 2358-2359.	3.9	50
12	Using standardized family members to teach communication skills and ethical principles to critical care trainees*. Critical Care Medicine, 2012, 40, 1814-1819.	0.9	49
13	The MedSafer Study: A Controlled Trial of an Electronic Decision Support Tool for Deprescribing in Acute Care. Journal of the American Geriatrics Society, 2019, 67, 1843-1850.	2.6	49
14	Rapid response teams, do not resuscitate orders, and potential opportunities to improve end-of-life care: a multicentre retrospective study. Journal of Critical Care, 2013, 28, 498-503.	2.2	46
15	Outcomes of lung transplant candidates referred for co-management by palliative care: A retrospective case series. Palliative Medicine, 2015, 29, 429-435.	3.1	46
16	Changes in end of life care 5 years after the introduction of a rapid response team: A multicentre retrospective study. Resuscitation, 2013, 84, 1339-1344.	3.0	45
17	The desirability of an Intensive Care Unit (ICU) Clinician-Led Bereavement Screening and Support Program for Family Members of ICU Decedents (ICU Bereave). Journal of Critical Care, 2014, 29, 311.e9-311.e16.	2.2	45
18	Nonbeneficial Treatment Canada. Critical Care Medicine, 2015, 43, 270-281.	0.9	45

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19	Physician-Assisted Suicide and Euthanasia in the ICU: A Dialogue on Core Ethical Issues*. Critical Care Medicine, 2017, 45, 149-155.	0.9	42
20	Deceased organ and tissue donation after medical assistance in dying and other conscious and competent donors: guidance for policy. Cmaj, 2019, 191, E604-E613.	2.0	42
21	Palliative care for chronic illness: driving change. Cmaj, 2016, 188, E493-E498.	2.0	39
22	Validation of quality indicators for end-of-life communication: results of a multicentre survey. Cmaj, 2017, 189, E980-E989.	2.0	36
23	Standardized patient simulation versus didactic teaching alone for improving residents' communication skills when discussing goals of care and resuscitation: A randomized controlled trial. Palliative Medicine, 2017, 31, 130-139.	3.1	34
24	Bench-to-bedside review: high-frequency oscillatory ventilation in adults with acute respiratory distress syndrome. Critical Care, 2006, 10, 240.	5.8	31
25	What Should We Say When Discussing "Code Status" and Life Support with a Patient? A Delphi Analysis. Journal of Palliative Medicine, 2010, 13, 185-195.	1.1	31
26	Why Do Patients Agree to a "Do Not Resuscitate" or "Full Code" Order? Perspectives of Medical Inpatients. Journal of General Internal Medicine, 2011, 26, 582-587.	2.6	31
27	Using a Pocket Card to Improve End-of-life Care on Internal Medicine Clinical Teaching Units: A Cluster-randomized Controlled Trial. Journal of General Internal Medicine, 2008, 23, 1222-1227.	2.6	30
28	Frailty and associated outcomes and resource utilization following in-hospital cardiac arrest. Resuscitation, 2020, 146, 138-144.	3.0	30
29	<scp>COVID-19</scp>: Deprescribing Guidance for Hydroxychloroquine Drug Interactions in Older Adults. Journal of the American Geriatrics Society, 2020, 68, 1636-1646.	2.6	29
30	Improving family access to dying patients during the COVID-19 pandemic. Lancet Respiratory Medicine, 2021, 9, 335-337.	10.7	28
31	Withholding and withdrawing life-sustaining treatment: The Canadian Critical Care Society position paper. Canadian Journal of Anaesthesia, 2018, 65, 105-122.	1.6	27
32	Terminal withdrawal of mechanical ventilation in adult intensive care units: A systematic review and narrative synthesis of perceptions, experiences and practices. Palliative Medicine, 2020, 34, 1140-1164.	3.1	27
33	Cannabis and cannabinoids in cancer pain management. Current Opinion in Supportive and Palliative Care, 2020, 14, 87-93.	1.3	26
34	Characteristics, Interventions, and Outcomes of Lung Transplant Recipients Co-Managed with Palliative Care. Journal of Palliative Medicine, 2015, 18, 266-269.	1.1	24
35	Development and Validation of a Set of Palliative Medicine Entrustable Professional Activities: Findings from a Mixed Methods Study. Journal of Palliative Medicine, 2015, 18, 682-690.	1.1	23
36	Resources for Educating, Training, and Mentoring All Physicians Providing Palliative Care. Journal of Palliative Medicine, 2018, 21, S-57-S-62.	1.1	23

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37	Prevalence and predictors of severe grief reactions and desire for support following a death in the intensive care unit: a multicentre observational study. <i>Intensive Care Medicine</i> , 2018, 44, 521-522.	8.2	22
38	Canadian hospital nurses' roles in communication and decision-making about goals of care: An interpretive description of critical incidents. <i>Applied Nursing Research</i> , 2018, 40, 26-33.	2.2	22
39	Restricting conversations about voluntary assisted dying: implications for clinical practice. <i>BMJ Supportive and Palliative Care</i> , 2020, 10, 105-110.	1.6	22
40	Medical assistance in dying. <i>Current Opinion in Psychiatry</i> , 2017, 30, 26-30.	6.3	20
41	mHOMR: a feasibility study of an automated system for identifying inpatients having an elevated risk of 1-year mortality. <i>BMJ Quality and Safety</i> , 2019, 28, bmjqs-2018-009285.	3.7	20
42	Developing a palliative care service model for Muslim Middle Eastern countries. <i>Supportive Care in Cancer</i> , 2014, 22, 3253-3262.	2.2	19
43	Early Identification of People Who Would Benefit From a Palliative Approach—Moving From Surprise to Routine. <i>JAMA Network Open</i> , 2019, 2, e1911146.	5.9	19
44	Characteristics of Belgian "life-ending acts without explicit patient request": a large-scale death certificate survey revisited. <i>CMAJ Open</i> , 2014, 2, E262-E267.	2.4	18
45	Barriers to goals of care discussions with hospitalized patients with advanced heart failure: feasibility and performance of a novel questionnaire. <i>ESC Heart Failure</i> , 2016, 3, 245-252.	3.1	18
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47	Waiting for the body to fail: limits to end-of-life communication in Canadian hospitals. <i>Mortality</i> , 2016, 21, 340-356.	0.5	16
48	How is life support withdrawn in intensive care units: A narrative review. <i>Journal of Critical Care</i> , 2016, 35, 12-18.	2.2	15
49	Étude qualitative sur les membres de familles vivant un deuil compliqué après un décès en unité de soins intensifs. <i>Canadian Journal of Anaesthesia</i> , 2020, 67, 685-693.	1.6	15
50	Pro/con debate: Should synthetic colloids be used in patients with septic shock?. <i>Critical Care</i> , 2009, 13, 203.	5.8	14
51	Survival Duration among Patients with a Noncancer Diagnosis Admitted to a Palliative Care Unit: A Retrospective Study. <i>Journal of Palliative Medicine</i> , 2012, 15, 661-666.	1.1	14
52	Family Presence during Cardiac Resuscitation. <i>New England Journal of Medicine</i> , 2013, 368, 1060-1062.	27.0	14
53	Baseline Frailty as a Predictor of Survival After Critical Care. <i>Chest</i> , 2021, 160, 2101-2111.	0.8	13
54	Bereavement outcomes in family members of those who died in acute care hospitals before and during the first wave of COVID-19: A cohort study. <i>Palliative Medicine</i> , 2022, 36, 1305-1312.	3.1	13

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55	Withholding and withdrawing treatment in Canada: implications of the Supreme Court of Canada's decision in the <i>Rasouli</i> case. <i>Cmaj</i> , 2014, 186, E622-E626.	2.0	12
56	A pilot study of a Medication Rationalization (MERA) intervention. <i>CMAJ Open</i> , 2018, 6, E87-E94.	2.4	12
57	The impact of the <i>Rasouli</i> decision: a Survey of Canadian intensivists. <i>Journal of Medical Ethics</i> , 2016, 42, 180-185.	1.8	11
58	Adapting Feedback to Individual Residents: An Examination of Preceptor Challenges and Approaches. <i>Journal of Graduate Medical Education</i> , 2018, 10, 168-175.	1.3	11
59	Noncomfort Medication Use in Acute Care Inpatients Comanaged by Palliative Care Specialists Near the End of Life. <i>American Journal of Hospice and Palliative Medicine</i> , 2014, 31, 812-819.	1.4	10
60	Exploring Faculty Approaches to Feedback in the Simulated Setting. <i>Simulation in Healthcare</i> , 2018, 13, 195-200.	1.2	10
61	The association between varying levels of palliative care involvement on costs during terminal hospitalizations in Canada from 2012 to 2015. <i>BMC Health Services Research</i> , 2021, 21, 331.	2.2	10
62	Ethical considerations for classifying patients as 'palliative' when calculating Hospital Standardised Mortality Ratios. <i>Journal of Medical Ethics</i> , 2010, 36, 387-390.	1.8	9
63	The New "Opioid Crisis": Scientific Bias, Media Attention, and Potential Harms for Patients with Refractory Dyspnea. <i>Journal of Palliative Medicine</i> , 2018, 21, 120-122.	1.1	9
64	Mandate to obtain consent for withholding nonbeneficial cardiopulmonary resuscitation is misguided. <i>Cmaj</i> , 2016, 188, 245-246.	2.0	8
65	IMPROVING END-OF-LIFE CARE AND ADVANCE CARE PLANNING FOR FRAIL OLDER ADULTS IN CANADA. <i>Journal of Frailty &amp; Aging, the</i> , 2018, 7, 1-7.	1.3	8
66	mHOMR: the acceptability of an automated mortality prediction model for timely identification of patients for palliative care. <i>BMJ Quality and Safety</i> , 2021, 30, 837-840.	3.7	8
67	Even without our biases, the outlook for prognostication is grim. <i>Critical Care</i> , 2009, 13, 168.	5.8	7
68	Opioids in COPD: a cause of death or a marker of illness severity?. <i>European Respiratory Journal</i> , 2016, 48, 1520-1521.	6.7	7
69	Why is it so hard to stop doing things that are unwanted, non-beneficial, or unsustainable?. <i>Lancet Respiratory Medicine, the</i> , 2019, 7, 558-560.	10.7	7
70	Enduring Physical or Mental Suffering of People Requesting Medical Assistance in Dying. <i>Journal of Pain and Symptom Management</i> , 2022, 63, 244-250.e2.	1.2	7
71	Massive Ischemic Stroke Due to Pulmonary Barotrauma and Cerebral Artery Air Embolism During Commercial Air Travel. <i>American Journal of Case Reports</i> , 2017, 18, 660-664.	0.8	7
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73	Do physicians require consent to withhold CPR that they determine to be nonbeneficial?. Cmaj, 2019, 191, E1289-E1290.	2.0	6
74	Amélioration de la qualité de l'interruption des traitements de maintien en vie lors du don d'organes: proposition d'un cadre et d'outils d'aide à la mise en œuvre. Canadian Journal of Anaesthesia, 2020, 67, 1549-1556.	1.6	6
75	A systematic review of interventions aiming to improve communication of prognosis to adult patients. Patient Education and Counseling, 2020, 103, 1467-1497.	2.2	6
76	mHOMR: a prospective observational study of an automated mortality prediction model to identify patients with unmet palliative needs. BMJ Supportive and Palliative Care, 2021, , bmjspcare-2020-002870.	1.6	6
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78	Outcomes of lung transplantation from organ donation after medical assistance in dying: First North American experience. American Journal of Transplantation, 2022, 22, 1637-1645.	4.7	6
79	A framework for critical care triage during a major surge in critical illness. Canadian Journal of Anaesthesia, 2022, 69, 774-781.	1.6	6
80	Medical assistance in dying: time for physicians to step up to protect themselves and patients. Cmaj, 2017, 189, E849-E850.	2.0	5
81	The Sedative Effect of Propranolol on Critically Ill Patients: A Case Series. Frontiers in Medicine, 2017, 4, 44.	2.6	5
82	An entrustable professional activity descriptor for medical aid in dying: a mixed-methods study. CMAJ Open, 2018, 6, E657-E663.	2.4	5
83	Red Blood Cell Transfusion in Palliative Care: A Survey of Palliative Care Physicians. Journal of Palliative Medicine, 2019, 22, 1139-1142.	1.1	5
84	Palliative care clinical rotations among undergraduate and postgraduate medical trainees in Canada: a descriptive study. CMAJ Open, 2020, 8, E257-E263.	2.4	5
85	Association between high cost user status and end-of-life care in hospitalized patients: A national cohort study of patients who die in hospital. Palliative Medicine, 2021, 35, 1671-1681.	3.1	5
86	Data to support assisted dying. BMJ, The, 2014, 349, g4966-g4966.	6.0	4
87	Cross-sectional Nutrition Profile of Palliative Home Care Clients in Ontario and Performance of the interRAI Palliative Care Nutrition Clinical Assessment Protocol. Journal of Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition, 2021, 45, 183-192.	2.6	4
88	Intensity of outpatient physician care in the last year of life: a population-based retrospective descriptive study. CMAJ Open, 2021, 9, E613-E622.	2.4	4
89	Neither guidelines nor symptom-targeted opioids are harmful when withdrawing life-sustaining measures. Intensive Care Medicine, 2016, 42, 1303-1304.	8.2	3
90	Soutien des familles en deuil par les intervenants aux soins intensifs: une étude de méthodes mixtes. Canadian Journal of Anaesthesia, 2020, 67, 857-865.	1.6	3

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91	Is physician-assisted death in anyone's best interest? Yes. Canadian Family Physician, 2015, 61, 314-6, 320-2.	0.4	3
92	The perils of medico-legal advocacy in ICU conflicts at the end of life: A qualitative study of what happens when advocacy and best interests collide. Journal of Critical Care, 2019, 51, 149-155.	2.2	2
93	Observational study of agreement between attending and trainee physicians on the surprise question: "Would you be surprised if this patient died in the next 12 months?" PLoS ONE, 2021, 16, e0247571.	2.5	2
94	"Should I go on dialysis, Doc?": initiating dialysis in elderly patients with end-stage renal disease. Canadian Family Physician, 2012, 58, 1353-6, e704-7.	0.4	2
95	Discussing prognosis and what matters most for people with serious illness. BMJ, The, 2022, 376, e067572.	6.0	2
96	Comparative end-of-life communication and support in hospitalised decedents before and during the COVID-19 pandemic: a retrospective regional cohort study in Ottawa, Canada. BMJ Open, 2022, 12, e062937.	1.9	2
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98	Rapid Response Teams and End-of-Life Care. Canadian Respiratory Journal, 2014, 21, 268-268.	1.6	1
99	In reply: Reappraisal of the Canadian Critical Care Society's position on withholding and withdrawing life-sustaining treatment. Canadian Journal of Anaesthesia, 2018, 65, 845-846.	1.6	1
100	New Insights into Complicated Grief in Bereaved Family Members Approached for Organ Donation. American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine, 2018, 198, 698-700.	5.6	1
101	Association between harm reduction strategies and healthcare utilization in patients on long-term prescribed opioid therapy presenting to acute healthcare settings: a protocol for a systematic review and meta-analysis. Systematic Reviews, 2019, 8, 88.	5.3	1
102	Shortages of Palliative Care Medications in Canada during the COVID-19 Pandemic: Gambling with Suffering. Healthcare Quarterly (Toronto, Ont ), 2021, 23, 17-22.	0.5	1
103	Shared Decision Making and Effective Communication in Heart Failure—Moving from "Code Status" to Decisional Readiness. Canadian Journal of Cardiology, 2021, 37, 665-668.	1.7	1
104	Use and Discontinuation of Milrinone for Advanced Heart Failure in an Academic Palliative Care Unit: A Case Report and Discussion of Recommendations. Journal of Pain and Palliative Care Pharmacotherapy, 2022, , 1-10.	0.8	1
105	Care, compassion, respect. Cmaj, 2014, 186, 1336.2-1336.	2.0	0
106	Why physician-assisted death?. Cmaj, 2014, 186, 778.3-779.	2.0	0
107	The authors reply. Critical Care Medicine, 2017, 45, e627.	0.9	0
108	Legal adjudications at the end of life: The lack of difference between best interest and substantial harm standards in conflict resolution. Journal of Critical Care, 2019, 54, 288-289.	2.2	0

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110	Association between supportive interventions and healthcare utilization and outcomes in patients on long-term prescribed opioid therapy presenting to acute healthcare settings: a systematic review and meta-analysis. BMC Emergency Medicine, 2021, 21, 17.	1.9	0
111	Red blood cell transfusion and associated outcomes in patients referred for palliative care: A retrospective cohort study. Transfusion, 2021, 61, 2317-2326.	1.6	0
112	Rebuttal: Is physician-assisted death in anyone's best interest? Yes. Canadian Family Physician, 2015, 61, e174, e176.	0.4	0
113	Response. Chest, 2021, 160, e679-e680.	0.8	0
114	Supporting bereaved family members: three steps in the right direction. Lancet, The, 2022, 399, 607-609.	13.7	0
115	Stability of Dexmedetomidine in Polyvinyl Chloride Bags Containing 0.9% Sodium Chloride Intended for Subcutaneous Infusions. International Journal of Pharmaceutical Compounding, 2021, 25, 330-335.	0.0	0