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This bedside checklist mirrors the SICP form in the chart, available via the Advance Directives link in the patient banner. It can help you document your discussion, after which you can enter answers in the EMR.

Understanding	☐ No understanding of illness ☐ Underestimates severity of illness ☐ Overestimates severity of illness ☐ Operestimates Severity Operestimates Severity of illness ☐ Operestimates Severity Operestimates Operestimates Operestimates ☐ Operes
Information preferences	☐ Patient wants full information ☐ Big picture, not too detailed ☐ Some information but no bad news ☐ Patient prefers information to be shared with someone else
What you communicated	Disease state: ☐ Burdens, benefits, and risks ☐ Curable ☐ Incurable Prognosis: ☐ Not shared ☐ Uncertain ☐ Functional ☐ Timedays-weeksweeks-months months-years
Emotions	☐ denial ☐ anger ☐ bargaining ☐ sadness/depression ☐ anxiety ☐ tearfulness ☐ acceptance
Goals	□ achieve a particular life goal □ be at home □ be emotionally at peace □ be independent □ be mentally aware □ be physically comfortable □ be spiritually at peace □ have my medical decisions respected □ live as long as possible, no matter what □ not be a burden □ provide support for family □ Other
Fears/Worries	□ inability to care for others □ being alone □ being dependent □ choking or suffocating □ emotional concerns □ finances □ getting treatments I don't want □ loss of control □ loss of dignity □ other family concerns □ pain □ preparing for death □ rejection □ spiritual distress
Strengths	☐ family ☐ friends/community ☐ religious faith
Situations - OR- Abilities	
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Abilities bring joy and meaning to life	Situations - OR- Abilities □ being conscious of surroundings □ communicating with others □ being able to care for oneself □ living independently □ feeding myself □ moving around in residence □ moving around outside of residence □ handling personal hygiene activities □ other
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