



NATIONAL CORE FOR NEUROETHICS
TOUGH CASES REPORTING TEMPLATE

Name (optional): _____

Specialty (optional): _____

Case Background		
Age _____	Patient has capacity?	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> Unk
Gender _____	Advance directive?	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> Unk
Primary condition(s) _____	DNAR order?	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> Unk
Secondary condition(s) _____	Surrogate present?	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> Unk
Services consulted _____	Surrogate's relationship to patient?	_____
Brief summary		
What are the main ethical concerns? ¹ Please check all that apply		
<input type="checkbox"/> Advance directive	<input type="checkbox"/> Family/caregiver concerns	<input type="checkbox"/> Surrogate decision making
<input type="checkbox"/> Brain death	<input type="checkbox"/> Futility	<input type="checkbox"/> Transplant issues
<input type="checkbox"/> Capacity/informed consent	<input type="checkbox"/> Language issues	<input type="checkbox"/> Truth telling
<input type="checkbox"/> Confidentiality	<input type="checkbox"/> Medical error	<input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawal of ventilator
<input type="checkbox"/> Cultural, spiritual or religious issues	<input type="checkbox"/> Pain management	<input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawal/withholding of other life sustaining therapy
<input type="checkbox"/> Discharge/placement	<input type="checkbox"/> Refusal of recommended treatment	<input type="checkbox"/> Unsure
<input type="checkbox"/> Do-not-resuscitate order	<input type="checkbox"/> Resource allocation	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
Comments		

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¹ Adapted from Nilson, EG, Acres, CA, Tamerin, NG, Fins, JJ. 2008. Clinical ethics and the quality initiative: a pilot study for the empirical evaluation of ethics case consultation. American Journal of Medical Quality 23: 356-364.