Overview of End-of-Life and Palliative Care Skills Training on the Wards Transition Week
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1. Key Points:
   - End-of-Life (EoL) care communication and assessment are as important as other skills you are learning during survival week.
   - As a medical student on the wards, you will have opportunities to begin to develop your skills in palliative and end-of-life care.
   - Learning to just be present and become more comfortable with patients at EoL and attend to the needs of the dying is crucial. Your presence alone can make a big difference with patients.

2. Skill-building opportunities during 3rd year:
   - Ward –Based EoL care assignment: gain comfort communicating and assessing patients at end of life on the wards and share self-reflections in conference. You will evaluate a patient you are caring for on ANY CLERKSHIP. Case conference takes place on Psychiatry clerkship. Required for 3rd year.
   - Interdisciplinary Palliative Care Modules: 3 modules with online and live components: 1) Pain management; 2) Spiritual and cultural aspects of palliative care, and how to work on inter-disciplinary team; 3) Palliative Care in Emergency Medicine. (#1 & #2 on Medicine Clerkship; #3 on Emergency Med).
   - How to Give Bad News”: Dr. Fortin’s participatory workshop with standardized patients on Med 1.

3. Pocket Card: “Communication Phrases Near End of Life”

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5. Resources: YSOM Website-http://medicine.yale.edu/palliative/