

When Eating problems Arise in Advanced Dementia: Navigating Difficult Conversations with Caregivers

Trigger question	What is the provider worried about?	What is the family worried about?	What do we say?	What do we do?
Surrogate decision makers (SDM): Substituted Judgment vs. Patients' Best Interest				
How would you characterize the patients' stage of dementia?				
What other causes for eating difficulty you need to exclude?				
What other tests are available?				

What is the evidence behind using a feeding tube in patients with dementia?				
What are the common complications of feeding tube placement?				
What is the value of supplements and appetite stimulants in managing eating problems in patients with advanced dementia?				
Will he/she starve to death?				