

## Partial codes—when "less" may not be "more."

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The complexity around end-of-life care increases risks of [communication errors](#). Discussing an incident involving a patient who selected [partial code](#) strategy, this commentary explores how, after enacting this plan, the clinicians questioned whether the patient had understood the [resuscitation preference](#) he chose. The author raises ethical concerns related to advance directives when patients survive who then become dependent on life-support measures.