

## Empowering patients and agents to help prevent errors with living wills, DNRs, and POLSTs.

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Patient harm associated with advance directive [interpretation errors](#) is rare, but these mistakes can have negative [psychological consequences](#) for care teams, patients, and families. Discussing research exploring factors that contribute to these [misunderstandings](#), this article recommends actions to help patients articulate end-of-life care [preferences](#) and ensure those instructions are accurately shared with their families and the [clinical teams](#) acting on their behalf.