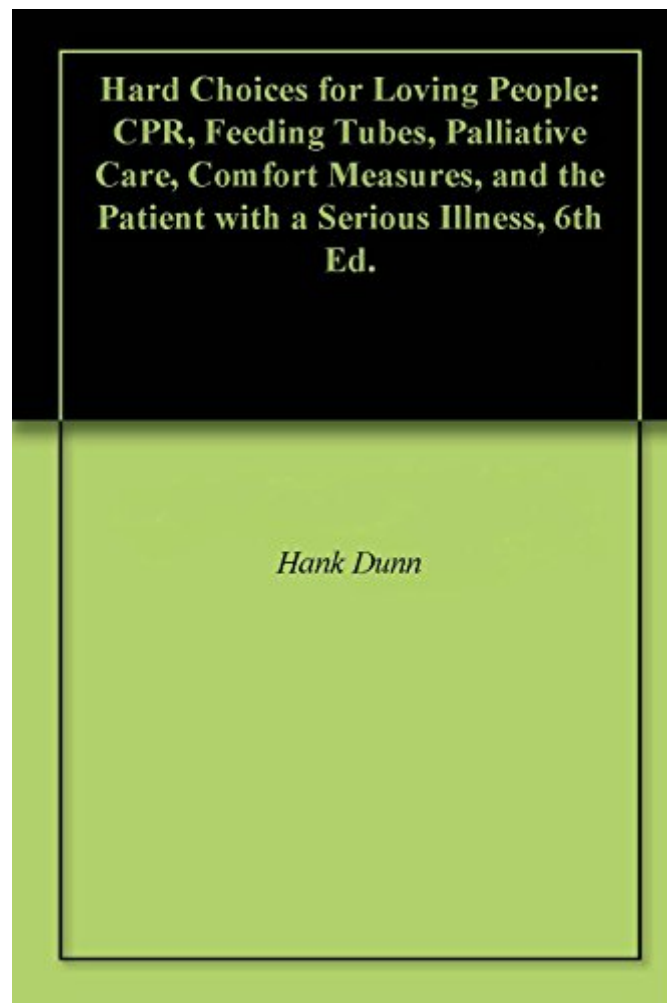


The book was found

Hard Choices For Loving People: CPR, Feeding Tubes, Palliative Care, Comfort Measures, And The Patient With A Serious Illness, 6th Ed.



Synopsis

Hard Choices for Loving People: CPR, Feeding Tubes, Palliative Care, Comfort Measures, and the Patient with a Serious Illness, Sixth Edition is a guide to help patients and families with end-of-life decisions. Millions of families have been helped and comforted by the common sense and practical advice found in these pages. Hank Dunn draws on his extensive experience as a chaplain in a nursing home, hospice program, and hospital. In Hard Choices for Loving People he shares stories of many of the patients and families he has helped guide through this most difficult time. Living with a life-threatening illness presents challenges and difficulties few can imagine, or even think about. Family members are confronted with making extraordinarily difficult decisions, often in the midst of emotionally-draining circumstances. The book is also based on research, offering reliable, relevant medical advice from top medical journals and experts. In the very first pages, the reader is encouraged to first consider the goals of medical care. What is the appropriate medical goal for this patient at this phase of life? Is it to (1) cure, (2) stabilize functioning or to (3) prepare for a comfortable and dignified death? The first chapter deals with CPR, resuscitation attempts. Research has shown that this treatment offers little if any medical benefit to patients who have more than one or two serious medical problems, who cannot live independently, or those who are in the final stages of a terminal disease. Chaplain Dunn is convinced that patients in those conditions or their families choose ineffective resuscitation attempts for emotional and spiritual reasons, not because the treatment offers hope of saving the life. The second chapter addresses the issues surrounding artificial feeding tubes. Receiving nutrition and hydration through a tube may help patients who have lost the ability to swallow. Some of these patients live otherwise normal lives except for receiving food and water through a tube. But for many people, the treatment offers little if any benefit. There is a growing body of research that clearly shows that an artificial feeding tube for an advanced dementia patient (like Alzheimer's) has no medical benefit and can actually harm the patient. Chaplain Dunn also reviews the evidence supporting the fact that dying without artificial hydration is the compassionate, natural, and peaceful way to leave this world. Also covered in Hard Choices for Loving People are medical treatments such as palliative care, hospice, hospitalization, respirators (breathing machines), dialysis, antibiotics, pacemakers and implanted defibrillators, and pain control. In several places throughout the book, special attention is given to making these decisions for people with dementia. The concluding pages of the book address the emotional and spiritual concerns at the end of life. People of any faith or of no faith tradition have found these words helpful. Chaplain Dunn feels the journey at the final stages of life is a journey to letting go and letting be. As end-of-life care expert Ira Byock, MD, says on the back cover of the book, This slender book

is packed with practical wisdom for people facing life's most difficult decisions. It is clear and concise, yet sensitive to the emotional turmoil of the people who hold it in their hands. Over the years, *Hard Choices for Loving People* is the book I have recommended most often to families confronting the complexities of medical treatments for loved ones with serious illnesses. Since the book was first published in 1990, more than 3.5 million copies have been sold. The Spanish version of this book is titled *Decisiones Dificiles para los Seres Queridos*.

Book Information

File Size: 1765 KB

Print Length: 88 pages

Publisher: Quality of Life Publishing Co.; 6 edition (July 7, 2016)

Publication Date: July 7, 2016

Sold by: Amazon Digital Services LLC

Language: English

ASIN: B0115WBI5U

Text-to-Speech: Enabled

X-Ray: Not Enabled

Word Wise: Not Enabled

Lending: Not Enabled

Enhanced Typesetting: Not Enabled

Best Sellers Rank: #340,162 Paid in Kindle Store (See Top 100 Paid in Kindle Store) #27

in Kindle Store > Kindle eBooks > Medical eBooks > Physician & Patient > Hospice Care #90

in Books > Medical Books > Medicine > Hospice Care #1664 in Books > Self-Help > Death &

Grief

Customer Reviews

Great book

[Download to continue reading...](#)

Hard Choices for Loving People: CPR, Feeding Tubes, Palliative Care, Comfort Measures, and the Patient with a Serious Illness, 6th Ed. Infant CPR Anytime: Personal Learning Program [With CPR Learning Manikin, Practice Phone, Etc. and DVD] CBT for Chronic Illness and Palliative Care: A Workbook and Toolkit MENTAL ILLNESS: Learn the Early Signs of Mental Illness in Teens (Teen mental illness, teen mental health, teen issues, peer issues, treatment) Feeding the Whole Family: Cooking with Whole Foods: More than 200 Recipes for Feeding Babies, Young Children, and Their

Parents Patient Care Skills (7th Edition) (Patient Care Skills (Minor)) How To Analyze People: Mastering Analyzing and Reading People: (How To Read People, Analyze People, Psychology, People Skills, Body Language, Social Skills) Complete Guide to Symptoms, Illness & Surgery: Updated and Revised 6th Edition (Complete Guide to Symptoms, Illness and Surgery) The Big Book of Casseroles: 250 Recipes for Serious Comfort Food Palliative Care, Ageing and Spirituality: A Guide for Older People, Carers and Families AACN Protocols For Practice: Palliative Care And End-Of-Life Issues In Critical Care Cuidados Paliativos / Palliative Care: Recomendaciones Terapéuticas Para Atención Primaria / Treatment Guidelines for Primary Care (Spanish Edition) Palliative Care Nursing, Fourth Edition: Quality Care to the End of Life Palliative Care Nursing: Quality Care to the End of Life, 2nd Edition Beyond Schizophrenia: Living and Working with a Serious Mental Illness Sulcata Tortoise Owners Guide. Sulcata Tortoise care, behavior, feeding, enclosures, costs, health, interaction and myths. The Captive Care of Sulcata Tortoises. A Midwife through the Dying Process: Stories of Healing and Hard Choices at the End of Life Will Shortz Presents Serious Sudoku: 200 Hard Puzzles Cats: Cat Care: Kitten Care: How To Take Care Of And Train Your Cat Or Kitten (Complete Guide To Cat Care & Kitten Care With Pro Training Grooming & Nutrition Tips) Orchids Care Bundle 3 in 1, THE NEW EDITION: Orchids + Orchids Care For Hobbyists + Phalaenopsis Orchids Care (Orchids Care, House Plants Care, Gardening Techniques Book 4)

[Dmca](#)