Shall we let them die?

An exploration of the factors that influence decision-making and the process of withdrawal of life-sustaining treatment (WLST) from ICU patients in a tertiary hospital in Australia.

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Four major themes
Decisions – Decisions

- Futility
- Why?
- Because I'm the Nurse, that's why!
- Take time to be sure. Not be sure not to take too much time.
- WARNING
- INDECISIVE
- Ask the family
- You decide.
We are Family
Suffering
Live and Let Die
To finish off
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