Canadian physicians and end-of-life care

1. If you had irreversible brain damage and could not communicate with or recognize people, which life-sustaining treatments would you choose?

- Mechanical ventilation: 8.3%
- Feeding tube: 18.5%
- IV hydration: 25.9%
- CPR: 4.63%
- Major surgery: 3.7%
- Dialysis: 6.5%
- Pain medication: 85.2%
- Blood or blood products: 12%
- Invasive diagnostic tests: 6.5%
- None of the above: 13.9%

2. Have you ever discussed your own end-of-life care wishes with your family or significant others?

- Yes: 79.6%
- No: 20.4%

3. Have you prepared an advance directive (i.e., living will) for yourself?

- Yes: 37%
- No: 63%

Source: CMA End-of-Life Care Online Dialogue

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