

Additional file 1: ACP intervention

<p>1. Identifying and exploring gaps in knowledge and understanding of ACP</p>	<p>Facilitator (AB) clarifies understanding of ACP at the start of the intervention. The facilitator then defines ACP and its various components in simple language.</p>
<p>2. Eliciting understanding of the role of ACP in cancer</p>	<p>The facilitator presents a series of case vignettes to patients⁸ and carers.¹³ These elicit situations in cancer patients where an ACP may assist health professionals with decision making and overall patient care in the event that the patient loses the capacity to speak for him/herself.</p>
<p>3. Tailoring the intervention to address unique decision-making needs and preferences</p>	<p>The facilitator explores concerns that the patient or the carer may have around illness progression, goals of care and the use of life sustaining treatments. The <i>facilitator explains the role of a medical enduring power of attorney and the process / benefits of appointing one.</i> Patient and carers are encouraged to discuss their wishes and values that inform end of life decision-making and completing a statement of choices</p>
<p>4. Supporting the actualisation of an advance care plan</p>	<p>The patient is offered the opportunity to complete ACP documents or to have further conversations with significant others / professionals. The facilitator assists the carer in considering their willingness to support the patient in completing and subsequently enacting an ACP.</p>
<p>5. Summary</p>	<p>The facilitator summarises the interview and the patient and carer are assessed for the need for additional support from social workers / clinical psychologists or pastoral care.</p>