The view from the other side of the bed:

A carer’s perspective on care of the frail elderly

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1. Most families want to be involved - be partners – in care

- Be at the bedside
- Know they are listened to
- Able to contribute their knowledge of the patient
- Involved – not just informed of – but involved in decisions
2. Families want the patient’s priorities to help determine clinical decisions

- We understand that the frail elderly often have many competing problems.

- But we want the values and priorities of the patient to weigh into determining the most important problem for that person.

“I don’t think I will ever recover what I lost from that operation”
3. Families want respect and dignity for their loved ones at all times.

Thank you.

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