

Guideline 4: Patient privacy & confidentiality

Summary

Ascertain and respect patient's preferences for sharing information with family



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- Try to meet the information needs of the family without undermining patient confidentiality.

Exercise caution when discussing sensitive issues (e.g. sexuality, coping, prognosis) in the presence of family



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