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Family-Centered Care

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Synonyms

[Collaborative care](#)

Definition

An “approach to the planning, delivery, and evaluation of health care that is grounded in mutually beneficial partnerships among health care patients, families, and providers” with the core concepts of “dignity and respect, information sharing, participation and collaboration” (Institute of Family-Centered Care). Practical examples including having the family attend

team conferences and asking families about the desirability or feasibility of treatment options so that they are actively involved in decision-making. See Naar-King and Donders (2006) for a review of outcomes.

Cross-References

- [Discharge Planning](#)
- [Family-Team Conference](#)
- [Patient-Family Education](#)

References and Readings

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