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Disparities in Clinician Decisions to Withhold and Withdraw Life-Sustaining Treatment

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This Dialogue will address the literature that identifies disparities in clinician decisions to withhold or withdraw life sustaining treatment for patients with serious illness. It will focus on reasons for these disparities and identify mechanisms to reduce them.

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