**Values-Guided Decision Support**

This is not a script. These are suggestions of phrases to weave into a conversation.

1. **Tell me about _______.** Tell me about your understanding of what she is up against. What have been hardest things for her during these recent days/weeks months? For you and your family? How does she let you know how she is feeling? How does she respond to your voice, your touch?

2. **What are you hoping for?** We are as well. If that hope does not occur, what are your other hopes? What else is important?

3. **What are you most worried about?** What are other people in the family worried about?

4. **In this difficult situation, how can you see how to be the best parent for her?**

5. **Based on what you’ve told me about your hopes and your worries, and what we know about the situation…**
   a. …can I make a recommendation? or
   b. …..it sounds like what we should plan to do is…… or
   c. …..it seems that the best decision to be made is …..

6. **Most important: A period of silence to listen for agreement or further questions.**

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**Resources for High Stakes Decision Support:**


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**SPACE Model, courtesy of C. Feudtner**