

Patient-Surrogate Alignment in Digital Advance Care Planning

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Background

- Advance Care Planning (ACP) involves:^{1,2}
- Education on potential future healthcare decisions
- Clarifying patients' priorities & preferences
- Sharing decisions with family & care providers
- Benefits of ACP:
- Improve patient quality of life & respect for wishes^{3,4}
- Alleviates stress & anxiety for loved ones^{3,5}
- Reduce unwanted healthcare utilization & costs⁶⁻⁹
- <u>Surrogate Decision Maker (SDM)</u>: loved one chosen to ensure that patient's wishes are implemented if & when the patient cannot speak for themselves
- Currently, fewer than 25% of SDMs are engaged in the ACP process or aware of patient preferences

Objectives

Determine motivators of patient–SDM alignment among Koda users
 Develop a machine learning algorithm to perform SDM persona identification to ultimately improve engagement

Project Highlights

Koda

A machine-learning based ACP platform with dynamic educational content, decision guidance, & advanced directive documentation.

Introduced in the health system, Koda facilitates a personalized ACP process for patients and reduces labor for clinical staff.

Study participants

50 patient + surrogate decision maker dyads

Research Plan Overview

Patient Recruitment

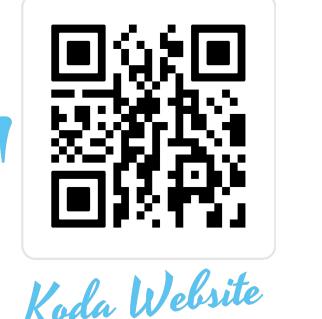
Patient creates Koda Care Plan & completes patient-informed survey of SDM persona (50 patients)

Patient shares Koda Plan with SDM

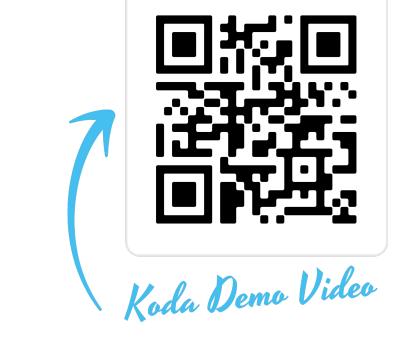
SDM completes self-survey, pre-alignment survey, reviews patient's Care Plan, & complete post-alignment survey

(50 SDMs)

Patient + SDM participate in qualitative interview together
(25 dyads)







Analyze patient-SDM alignment

SDM Persona Clustering Engine

Takeaways

According to the 2018 Delphi Panel on ACP, **SDMs are key** in ensuring that healthcare is utilized according to patient wishes¹⁰

Ultimate goals of Koda:

- Improve equitable access to ACP
- Drive better quality of life for patients at all stages of health and goal-concordant care at end-of-life
- Ease the burden on healthcare professionals

Having discussions about end-of-life care doesn't have to be the "elephant in the room"

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