

An elderly gentleman has had a massive intracranial haemorrhage which is un-survivable. He is intubated and ventilated and the anaesthetists are preparing to disconnect the ventilator. Explain the situation to the patients son

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Washed hands	
Ensures that will go to quiet room, no bleeps,	
nurse presence and that department will be	
looked after by another consultant	
Introduces self	
Checked identity of relative and their	
relationship to patient	
Asks if relative would like anyone else present	
Establishes what relative already knows	
Clarify the relatives understanding	
Warning shot	
Explains the situation and diagnosis	
Explains that there is no chance of recovery	
Allows for silence	
Offers for relative to see the image (CT head)	
Explains that the life support machine is to be	
turned off	
Asks if patient was religious and would relative	
like to speak with anyone in the chaplaincy	
Ask if relatives knows if patient had ever	
expressed any wishes for organ donation	
Offers for relative to sit with patient	
Allows relative to speak	
Asks if relative has any more questions	
Sympathetically apologises / shows empathy	
Patient global score	

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