

Case 3 Mr B

Mr B was brought to ED by ambulance with sever leg pain.

Ambulance officers flagged that daughter is controlling the mother decisions and interfering with simple things such as “the ambulance should not be giving him morphine for his pain!”

The patient is 70 yrs old male recently diagnosed with multiple myeloma but the daughter who was an Ex nurse turned naturopath advocate has been the driving force to treat him with alternative medicine and has been the one doing all the management plans.

She had very strong opinion that no heam/Onc specialist sees him

Not for active management and was upset because her mother called ambulance. She gave her instructions to give paracetamol and that should be sufficient.

When she arrived to ED she demanded Palliative care review and would like to take her father home to die in peace (not in a place filled with germs and chemicals)

Argued that her father should not be given any opioids or sedatives so he can enjoy the last days of his life with the family.

She became upset that people are judging her but in fact she is a loving daughter that doesn't want her father to suffer (she has witnessed horrific complications to patients in the health system and she doesn't want her father to suffer the same)

How would you handle such case?