

## Interview guide

Question number	Question	Probes
1.	Can you tell me about your role in caring for patients with kidney disease?	
2.	<p>We are interested in understanding how advance care planning happens and how to improve it. One thing that is important for us to learn is what you understand by the term “advance care planning”.</p> <p>Can you share your understanding of what “advance care planning” is?</p>	<p>“Advance care planning involves talking with family, friends and providers about who one would want to make decisions and what kind of care one would want if they became very ill and could not tell the medical team what they wanted.”</p> <p>Does this process sound familiar to you?</p>
3.	<p>What kinds of decisions have your patients had to make towards the end of their lives or related to the care they would like to receive at the end of life? And, how and why were these decisions made?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-diagnostic tests or procedures?</li> <li>-different treatments?</li> <li>-who was involved in making these decisions (including role of family)?</li> <li>-what kind of information did the patient(s) seem to rely on when making decisions?</li> <li>-what do you believe your patients found most difficult in making these decisions? (i.e., barriers)</li> <li>-what do you yourself find difficult about making these decisions?</li> <li>-what have you found helpful in making these decisions or what do you believe might have been helpful? (i.e., facilitators)</li> </ul>
4.	<p>What information do you think would have been helpful for your patients to know ahead of time that may have helped them with their end of life decisions?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-symptoms</li> <li>-medications</li> <li>-changes in lifestyle</li> <li>-types of treatments (such as dialysis)</li> <li>-risks and benefits of types of treatments</li> <li>-life expectancies relating to different treatments</li> </ul>
5.	<p>What type of changes have you seen patients make about the kind of care they wish to receive at the end of life? Can you describe one or two examples?</p>	
6.	<p>What do you think your patients with kidney disease would most like to know now for the purposes of making plans for the future end-of-life care?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-symptoms?</li> <li>-life expectancy?</li> <li>-types of treatment decisions?</li> <li>-whether dialysis will be needed?</li> <li>-medical care costs?</li> </ul>
7.	<p>Can you tell me how you think advance</p>	

	care planning might be helpful or unhelpful for your patients with kidney disease and why?	
8.	At what point in the course of your patients' kidney disease do you think information about advanced care planning might be most useful?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-as part of routine care?</li> <li>-at the time of diagnosis?</li> <li>-when they need to make decisions about treatments?</li> <li>-when they begin to feel ill as a result of their kidney disease?</li> <li>-when they are facing a life threatening illness?</li> </ul>
9.	What do you think is the best setting for patients with kidney disease to engage in advance care planning discussions?	-with primary care provider, nephrologist, nurse, social worker, family, church, other settings?)
10.	What do you think would be the best way to deliver information that might help with advance care planning for patients with kidney disease?	-written materials, video, work book, computer or on-line resources
11.	Do you have anything else you want to share?	