

Appendix A

Early Initiation of Advance Care Planning with Veterans with Chronic

Obstructive

Pulmonary Disease (COPD) and/or Congestive Heart Failure (CHF)

Objectives: Upon completion of this educational session, the participant will:

1. Be able to discuss the prevalence of COPD and/or CHF in the United States.
2. Be able to identify the percentage of completed advance directives in the US adult population.
3. Discuss the importance of addressing advance care planning early in the disease trajectory of Veterans with COPD and/or CHF.
4. Demonstrate the use of the template for discussion of advance care planning and where it will be located in the electronic medical record.

Outline:

1. Review the prevalence of COPD and CHF in the United States.
2. Review the difference between advance care planning and advance directives.
3. Discuss the Evidence Based Medicine regarding patients' preference to discuss advance care planning with their primary care providers.
4. Explain the current state of advance directive completion at the project facility.
5. Educate on the use of the clinical reminder and the template for documentation of the advance care planning discussion.