

How Are Quotations Used in Goals of Care Notes and How Does Use Vary by Clinician Specialty and Patient Sociodemographic Characteristics?

STUDY DESIGN

- Multihospital, cross-sectional study assessed **quotation use** 🗨️ 🗨️ **in goals of care noted for patients who were seriously ill** hospitalized from July to October 2021

RESULTS



Review of **1,003** goals of care notes in **14 hospitals** found 🗨️ 🗨️ in **32%**



🗨️ 🗨️ used more by **palliative care (38%) vs nonpalliative care clinicians (21%)**
(aOR 2.62; 95% CI, 1.66-4.13)



🗨️ 🗨️ present more often in **Black vs White patients**
(aOR 1.73; 95% CI, 1.11-2.71)



🗨️ 🗨️ content most often detailed:

- **Patient feelings**
- **Family preferences**
- **Patient discussion about death**

This multicenter study found clinicians use quotations in almost one-third of goals of care notes. Quotations were used more often by palliative clinicians and were more often in notes for Black vs White patients. Future research is needed to see if this may contribute to racial disparities in patient care and outcomes.