

Decision Aid Worksheet Procedure

- Decision aids (DAs) created by the Foundation for Informed Medical Decision Making (FIMDM) and distributed by Health Dialog, Inc. are made available to researchers in exchange for the collection of de-identified data from patients. (See Clinical and Research Collaboration: The Dartmouth Experience, p. 4, section III B.)
- Every video DA loan at DHMC is accompanied by 1) a copy of the DA booklet, 2) an IRB-approved consent form and 3) a worksheet that asks questions in 7 domains:
 - a. decision leaning or choice (both before and after viewing DA)
 - b. knowledge (of essential facts presented in DA)
 - c. values (with regard to the options)
 - d. decisional conflict about the decision
 - e. demographics (age, education level)
 - f. DA feedback (length, balance, overall rating)
 - g. Next step: patient's intention after viewing DA
- Questions a.-c. are decision-specific and are created by staff at FIMDM as part of the Foundation's initiative to pilot test decision quality questions (knowledge, values, and screening or treatment choice concordance with values).
- Questions d.-g. are generic across all DA worksheets.
- These worksheets are available for use at FIMDM research sites.
- The Dartmouth consent form 1) requests permission to view the patient's medical record to determine if leaning/choice lines up with care received, and 2) requests permission for future contact to invite the patient to take part in research such as focus groups, one-on-one interviews and surveys. Permission for future contact has been invaluable in gaining access to patients who would otherwise be off limits.