SECTION 2: PRACTICE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DECISION SUPPORT AT THE END OF LIFE

**Disease management**
- Primary diagnosis, prognosis, evidence
- Secondary diagnosis (e.g., dementia, substance use)
- Comorbidities (e.g., delirium, seizures)
- Adverse events (e.g., side effects)
- Allergies

**Physical**
- Pain and other symptoms
- Level of consciousness, cognition
- Function, safety, aids (motor, senses, physiologic, sexual)
- Fluids, nutrition
- Wounds
- Habits

**Psychological**
- Personality, strengths, behaviour, motivation
- Depression, anxiety
- Emotions
- Fears
- Control, dignity, independence
- Conflict, guilt, stress, coping responses
- Self-image

**Loss, grief**
- Loss
- Grief (e.g., acute, chronic, anticipatory)
- Bereavement planning
- Mourning

**Social**
- Cultural values, beliefs, practices
- Relationships, roles with family/friends, community
- Isolation, abandonment, reconciliation
- Safe environment
- Privacy, intimacy
- Routines, recreation, vacation
- Legal issues
- Family/caregiver protection
- Guardianship, custody issues

**End of life care/Death management**
- Life closure
- Gift giving
- Legacy creation
- Preparation for expected death
- Anticipation and management of physiological changes in the last hours of life
- Rites, rituals
- Pronouncement, certification
- Peri death care of family, handling of body
- Funerals, services

**Person and family**
- Demographics
- Culture
- Personal values, beliefs, practices and strengths
- Developmental stage, education, literacy
- Disabilities

**Practical**
- Activities of daily living (e.g., personal care, household activities)
- Dependents, pets
- Telephone access, transportation

**Spiritual**
- Meaning, value
- Existential, transcendental
- Values, beliefs, practices, affiliations
- Spiritual advisors, rites, rituals
- Symbols, icons

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