

Peer Review

Review of: "Do Not Resuscitate Practices in ICU: A Descriptive Study"

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Thank you for asking me to review this medical ethics paper from a centre in Saudi Arabia. The paper is well-written, in concise and clear English. It addresses a very important topic and describes practice in a Middle Eastern country from which ethical practice is not well-described in the literature. As such, this is a welcome addition to the literature.

On the downside, the paper describes a retrospective survey in a single centre over only a 3-month period. Conclusions cannot then be generalized to the practice in the country as a whole, and we cannot ignore the potential biases of a retrospective study.

This reviewer has the following minor concerns/suggestions:

1. How did the authors decide on how "early" and "late" DNR orders were defined?
2. The last paragraph of the discussion section (just above "Limitations") is repeated twice, i.e., the paragraph commencing "All three secondary outcomes ..."

My suggestions to the editors:

Accept after revision of the minor issues listed above

Declarations

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