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“Here’s what we are hoping for…”

“Here’s what we are worried about…”

*Help them see the connection between the events and how the story changes over time.*

When **talking to families**, you can use the graphic aid to point out:

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Best Case/Worst Case-ICU is designed to improve communication between clinicians, patients, and their loved ones about serious injury and illness to support informed decision-making throughout the patient’s stay in the trauma ICU.

**Each day on rounds**, the ICU team discusses the Best Case and Worst Case stories. The Best Case story answers the question: **“What can we expect if everything goes as well as we might hope for this patient?”**

While one person describes the Best and Worst Case, another completes the graphic aid. The discussion and graphic aid keep the ICU team, patients, and their loved ones on the same page about the **big picture** for this patient.

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