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# Improving End-of-Life Care

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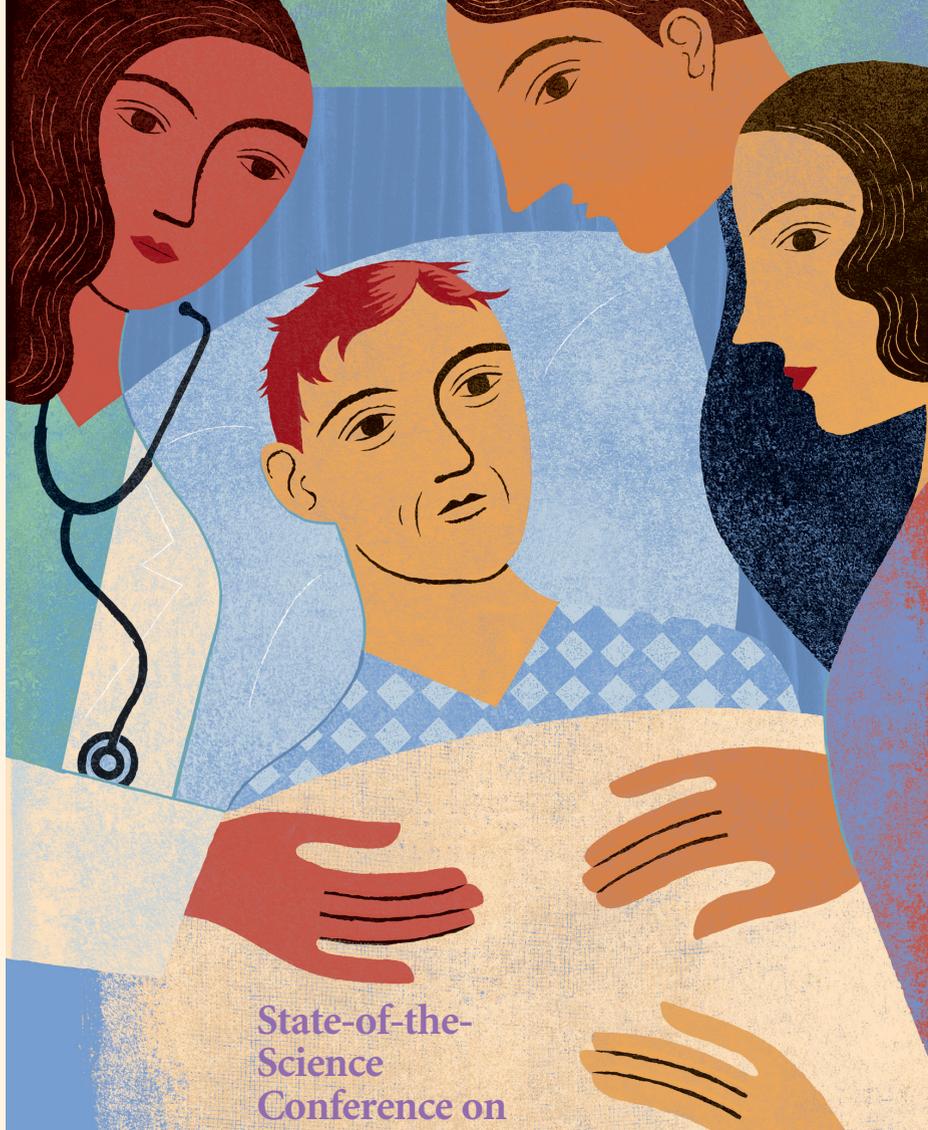
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The Office of Medical Applications of Research (OMAR) and the National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR) of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) will convene a State-of-the-Science Conference on Improving End-of-Life Care on December 6-8, 2004. An independent State-of-the-Science panel will explore and assess the scientific evidence and will prepare a statement answering the following questions:

- What defines the transition to end of life?
- What outcome variables are important indicators of the quality of the end of life experience for the dying person and for the surviving loved ones?
- What patient, family, and health care system factors are associated with improved or worsened outcomes?
- What processes and interventions are associated with improved or worsened outcomes?
- What are future research directions for improving end-of-life care?



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The panel's statement will be released in  
draft form on December 8, 2004  
at [www.consensus.nih.gov](http://www.consensus.nih.gov).

Proceedings will be webcast at  
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