

Stanley A Terman's selected articles (updated April 2026)

Selected recent publications, in chronological order:

Most highly recommended three articles are indicated by beginning with an *.

May be available soon:

* Terman SA. For Patients Experiencing Intolerable Suffering in the “Dementia Gap” — A Newly Defined Substage of Late-Stage Alzheimer's Disease: Can Sedation to Unconsciousness be Moral?

Terman SA, Steinberg KE, Hinerman N. Flaws in advance directives that request withdrawing assisted feeding in late-stage dementia may cause premature or prolonged dying. *BMC Med Ethics* 2022;23(1):100. DOI: [10.1186/s12910-022-00831-7](https://doi.org/10.1186/s12910-022-00831-7)

* Terman SA, Steinberg KE, Hinerman N. Timely dying in dementia: Use patients' judgments and broaden the concept of suffering. *Alzheimers Dement (Amst)* 2024;16(1):e12527. DOI: [10.1002/dad2.12527](https://doi.org/10.1002/dad2.12527)

* Terman SA. Can an effective end-of-life intervention for advanced dementia be viewed as moral? *Alzheimers Dement (Amst)* 2024;16(1):e12528. DOI: [10.1002/dad2.12528](https://doi.org/10.1002/dad2.12528)

Terman SA, Steinberg KE. Responses to Open Peer Commentaries about “Timely dying in dementia: use patients' judgments and broaden the concept of suffering” and “Can an effective end-of-life intervention for advanced dementia be viewed as moral?”. *Alzheimers Dement (Amst)* 2024;16(1):e12529. DOI: [10.1002/dad2.12529](https://doi.org/10.1002/dad2.12529)

Terman SA, Steinberg KE, Pope TM. Letter response to Clifford et al. “Navigating late-stage dementia: A perspective from the Alzheimer’s Association.” *Alzheimers Dement (Amst)* 2024;16(4):e70014. DOI: [10.1002/dad2.70014](https://doi.org/10.1002/dad2.70014)

Works in progress:

Terman, SA. To Honor Advance MAiD Requests with Confidence: Determine “Intolerable Suffering” with an Illustrated Patient Decision Aid and a Committee of Decision-Makers’ Substituted Judgments

Terman, SA. To Relieve Severe, Prolonged Suffering in Advanced Dementia: Three Capacity-Based, Moral Protocols — Strategic Advance Care Planning, Collaborative Assent, and Consensus of Substituted Judgment

Notes: Recommended titles have an *. Each article can be accessed on line by copying and pasting what follows the “DOI:”, which always begins with “10”.

➔ Copy and paste this number (without a period) into your browser to access the article. Almost all are free (“open access”) to read and download.

Older articles:

Volicer L, Pope TM, Steinberg KE, Terman SA. Response to Resolution A19 Regarding "Stopping Eating and Drinking by Advance Directives". J Am Med Dir Assoc 2023;24(6):e1-e2. DOI: [10.1016/j.jamda.2019.04.010](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jamda.2019.04.010)

Mirarchi F, Cammarata C, Cooney TE, Juhasz K, Terman SA. TRIAD IX: Can a Patient Testimonial Safely Help Ensure Prehospital Appropriate Critical Versus End-of-Life Care? J Patient Saf 2021;17(6):458-466. DOI: [10.1097/PTS.0000000000000387](https://doi.org/10.1097/PTS.0000000000000387)
[Note: see below]

Mirarchi FL, Cooney TE, Venkat A, Wang D, Pope TM, Fant AL, Terman SA, Klauer KM, Williams-Murphy M, Gisoni MA, Clemency B, Doshi AA, Siegel M, Kraemer MS, Aberger K, Harman S, Ahuja N, Carlson JN, Milliron ML, Hart KK, Gilbertson CD, Wilson JW, Mueller L, Brown L, Gordon BD. TRIAD VIII: Nationwide Multicenter Evaluation to Determine Whether Patient Video Testimonials Can Safely Help Ensure Appropriate Critical Versus End-of-Life Care. J Patient Saf 2017;13(2):51-61. DOI: [10.1097/PTS.0000000000000357](https://doi.org/10.1097/PTS.0000000000000357)
[Note: The above two articles established the basis for adopting the protocol to record patient's capacitated instructions for EMTs/first responders' greater accuracy.]

Terman SA. To Live Long Enough to Warm the Hearts of Others: Reflections on Informing my Patient about a Peaceful Way to Die. Narrat Inq Bioeth 2016;6(2):102-105. DOI: [10.1353/nib.2016.0004](https://doi.org/10.1353/nib.2016.0004)

Terman SA. Let Medicare Pay Physicians for Advance Care Planning. Don't Revive the "Death Panel" Theory. J Am Geriatr Soc 2016;64(4):919-20. DOI: [10.1111/jgs.14045](https://doi.org/10.1111/jgs.14045)
Terman SA. Is the principle of proportionality sufficient to guide physicians' decisions regarding withholding/withdrawing life-sustaining treatment after suicide attempts? Am J Bioeth 2013;13(3):22-4. DOI: [10.1080/15265161.2013.760967](https://doi.org/10.1080/15265161.2013.760967)

Terman SA. It Isn't Easy Being Pink: Potential Problems with POLST Paradigm Forms. Hamline Law Review 2013;66(1):1-15.

Terman SA. Peaceful Transitions: Plan Now, Die Later—Ironclad Strategy. Carlsbad (CA): Life Transitions Publications; 2011.

Terman SA. The BEST WAY to Say Goodbye: A Legal Peaceful Choice at the End of Life. Carlsbad (CA): Life Transitions Publications; 2007.

Terman SA. Determining the decision-making capacity of a patient who refused food and water. Palliat Med 2001;15(1):55-60. DOI: [10.1191/026921601672818272](https://doi.org/10.1191/026921601672818272)

Other preprints posted on SSRN:

The theme: "*TIMELY DYING IN DEMENTIA is the thematic supra-title for most of my articles that focus on advance care planning (ACP) for any terminal illness, esp. advanced dementia.*"

Success allows patients to avoid prolonged dying with suffering. The series begins with two reviews that convincingly conclude: 1) most advance directives for dementia are flawed, and 2) surrogates' substituted judgment is not reliable. A possible solution: 3) use irreversible, severe suffering as the sole, compelling criterion for when to die; 4) use arguments to overcome moral resistance to the order, "Cease oral assisted feeding"; 5) use an illustrated, easy-to-read, comprehensive directive; 6) during ACP, complete "Future POLSTs," which are binding documents; 7) add strategies to make advance treatment requests irrevocable; and 8) add verifying security -- to attain end-of-life, goal-concordant care."

Timely Dying in Dementia: An Evolving, Binding, Irrevocable Contract to Persuade Physicians to Honor Advance Directives that Request Cessation of Assisted Oral Feeding

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(This is the former draft of "Relieving Refractory Suffering..." for those interested in comparing the two.)

To Prevent Harm Caused by Fraud in Advance Directives, and to Persuade Providers to Honor Requests to Cease Assisted Feeding for Patients Living with Advanced Dementia: Add Advanced Security Technology to Future POLSTs

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