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- ***Life-Sustaining Technologies and the Elderly.***

This assessment focuses on five life-sustaining technologies: cardiopulmonary resuscitation, mechanical ventilation, renal dialysis, nutritional support, and life-sustaining antibiotic therapy. It describes the use of these technologies for life-threatened elderly patients, presents data on use and cost in different settings, and discusses aspects of treatment and outcomes that distinguish elderly patients from younger ones. Ethical and legal questions, particularly those related to patients' rights and surrogate decisionmaking are reviewed. Also addressed are manpower and training issues and likely future developments in life-sustaining technologies. 472 p.

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