

CGA/17/50 - How can survivorship after critical illness be conceptualised and what are the significant outcomes for patients and families?

Surviving critical illness goes beyond initial physical recovery with patients and families living through lengthy periods of adjustments; economically, socially and physically. It is unclear what survivorship, the time after discharge home, means or what outcomes are important to patients and families. We will systematically review the literature and conduct interviews to understand the processes people go through when moving through processes of survivorship after critical illness. We will identify significant outcomes for critical illness survivors and their families so we know what is important to them and what we should be measuring in a larger follow on study.