

Scarce Resource Allocation Tools



Goals

Maximizing treatment benefit
Enhancing survival

Ethical Principles

Duty to provide care
Duty to steward resources
Distributive and procedural justice
Equitable and standardized practices
Transparency

Elements of Tools

Short-term survival
Long-term survival
Clinical trajectory
Random chance

Important Considerations

Iterative, legally vetted and tested
Multidisciplinary working groups
Input from community
No universal solution

Potential Resources

Ventilators
ECMO
ICU beds
Dialysis
Blood products
Novel therapeutics

Outcomes

Patient and Families

- Satisfaction and trust

Care providers

- Satisfaction and trust

Organizations

- Enhancing survival
- Reputation

Community

- Justice and equity