Comfort Care (withholding/withdrawal of Life-Sustaining Treatments)

- Explain plan for comfort care to family
- Promote privacy for patient/family.
- Allow visitation at their request
- Consider transfer to private room.
- Assist family with religious/cultural practices
- Ongoing reassessment of patient & family needs

All necessary discussions/paperwork are completed (See hospital policy regarding No LSMT orders). Plan for comfort care by withholding/withdrawing medical care)*

Pain management
1. Administer morphine 10mg IV bolus then initiate morphine infusion at 10mg/h.
2. Titrate infusion as needed to maintain comfort.
3. Additional boluses of morphine 5-10mg IV q15min PRN discomfort may be given.

Agitation/secretions management
Administer:
1. Ativan 1-2mg IV q15min as needed for comfort
2. Benadry25-50mg IV q4h PRN secretions. May substitute scopolamine patch.

Notify Alabama Organ Center within 1h of discussing comfort care with family

- Discontinue all medications and treatments that are not meant to promote comfort
- Ongoing reassessment of comfort. Document and treat all signs & symptoms of discomfort as often as needed

Individualize Comfort Care based on patient and family needs/requests.