

The **SHARE** Approach

Essential Steps of Shared Decision Making

Five steps for you and your patients to work together to make the best possible healthcare decisions.

Step 1:

Seek your patient's participation

Communicate that a choice exists and invite your patient to be involved in decisions.

Step 2:

Help your patient explore and compare treatment options

Discuss the benefits and harms of each option.

Step 3:

Assess your patient's values and preferences

Take into account what matters most to your patient.

Step 4:

Reach a decision with your patient

Decide together on the best option and arrange for a followup appointment.

Step 5:

Evaluate your patient's decision

Plan to revisit decision and monitor its implementation.



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