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Changing attitudes to cardiopulmonary resuscitation in older people: a 15-year follow-up study.

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Overview: This study was performed to elicit the resuscitation preferences of older inpatients and to compare the results with an identical study conducted 15 years earlier.

Conclusions: There has been a significant shift in the attitudes of older Irish inpatients over 15 years towards favouring greater patient participation in decision making and an increased desire for resuscitation.