Advance care planning requires an explicit and comprehensive discussion of patient values and conceptualization of quality of life. The Living Well open-ended interview intervention was developed to help patients and their health care agents to engage in a meaningful discussion of values so that decisions made in the last year of life are made with the patients' values in mind. Qualitative and quantitative analysis was used to streamline this 10-question interview. The revised version of the Living Well Interview is stated below:

1. What present or future experiences are most important for you to live well at this time in your life?

1b. In what way do you feel you could make this time especially meaningful to you?

2. What fears or worries do you have about your illness or medical care?

2b. For example, do you feel that there are needs or services that you need to discuss?

3. Who or what sustains you when you face serious challenges in life?

3b. Do you have any religious or spiritual beliefs that help you deal with difficult times?