

Supplementary Appendix 2: Example of coding tree

Quotation	Initial code	Focused code	Theoretical concept
"We had newspaper articles on things that [the patient] had done so I put them all together in a folder. I took them in and I presented them to the head ICU doctor, and he had a flick through them, and he said to me "Oh well this paints a different picture then." Participant 19	Dismissing assumptions	Taking control of treatment decisions	Wrestling for control
And I've got the medical power of attorney and I'm in there. I'm going "Look, this is my medical power of attorney. I'm telling you take her off everything because I can't cope with this when she comes home." Participant 21	Powers of attorney as leverage		
And anyway we got the nurse to have a look at it and she took a piece of hand towel from the wall, and she wiped the wound with this hand towel, and then stuck a normal piece of Band-Aid across this wound that had stuff coming out of it. [Yeah] And I thought, "It doesn't look right." So I waited until I saw the, the doc, and I got him to have a look. And he said, "Oh that's all right. No problem." Participant 20	Requesting a second opinion		
And I just sat in her ward and said "I'm not leaving here 'til there's a case conference and I'm involved". Participant 5	Demanding a meeting		
So I lost the plot and said "Take him off all the medication!" They're saying "You can't do that you cruel mother! You can't do that!" And I said "Yes I can!" Participant 18	Defying medical advice		