"...in this world nothing can be said to be certain, except death and taxes."
- Benjamin Franklin, 1789

CPR is for when your heart is the first thing to stop

The DNACPR issue
has trumped
Enabling a Calm End in
Final Stages of Dying

I have never heard **anyone** say

"My dream is to die having chest compressions defibrillation on a ward surrounded by strangers",

We need to talk about DY ING

Everyone deserves a peaceful death in a place where the duvet matches the curtains

is not a treatment for ORDINARY DYING

"we will offer you all of the treatments that will work but avoid ones that won't"

Your body is tired and we already know your heart, lungs and kidneys don't work very well. When eventually your heart decides to stop, we wouldn't be able to re-start it and so we shouldn't try... there's a form we need to complete to make sure you can die peacefully when the time comes, and I'd recommend we do one for you, then you can forget all about it and get on with living

What is a good death?

Calm, gentle care with no unnecessary interventions, by medics brave enough to stand back

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