

## Guidelines for discussion of risks with frail patients

- Review advanced directives and discuss any adjustments needed or requested for surgery
- Discussion of risks and benefits of both surgical intervention and non-surgical treatments
- Discussion of risks of cognitive/functional decline both with surgical intervention and with non-surgical treatments
- Discussion of patient's overall life and health goals and how surgery may affect these
- Discussion of potential for delirium
- Preoperative discussion with PCP or geriatrician regarding patient specific risks and develop plans to mitigate these risks