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- **A carers view- to feed or not to feed in the minimally aware state**
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Given this clinical scenario- does your mother have in place?

- An advanced directive
- Power of Attorney
- None of the above
- Not relevant (both my parents no longer alive)



Imagine this was your mother, what as a family do you think you would do next after discussion?

- PEG feeding
- Subcutaneous fluids + palliative care
- Swallow at risk (accepting risk of aspiration)
- Too difficult just can't imagine situation at moment