



## Three Wishes Project Grants Dying Wishes to ICU Patients

From renewing wedding vows to reuniting lost family members – the three wishes projects strives to bring compassionate care to dying patients and their families in the intensive care unit.

The project began two years ago at St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton with the goal of bringing peace to the last few moments of patients' lives. A set of three wishes generated by patients, families and clinicians were implemented by staff in the ICU with the hopes of achieving this goal.

A study led by Dr. Deborah Cook was published this week in the [Annals of Internal Medicine](#), revealing how the three wishes project succeeded in improving the experiences of patients, families and clinicians in the ICU. The study noted how the project successfully implemented 97.5% of the wishes requested, at a cost ranging from \$0 to \$200 per patient.

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