Approximately 1 in 3 emergency nurses reported that they will encounter barriers while engaging in serious illness conversations.

Reported barriers in engaging in serious illness conversations included human factors, time constraints, and challenges in the emergency work environment.

Potential solutions to the barriers included the need for continued training, having dedicated emergency nurses and dedicated spaces for serious illness conversations.

CONCLUSION

- Emergency nurses may encounter barriers while engaging in SI conversations in the emergency department.
- Potential solutions exist for the multi-faceted barriers emergency nurses expressed.
- Institutional level policies may be required to create a palliative care friendly work environment.