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## **Bryan Frankovitch**

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Bryan Frankovitch is a doctorally prepared acute and critical care vascular neurology nurse practitioner at Hartford Hospital in Hartford, Connecticut, and a former ICU charge nurse whose work has advanced how care teams approach decision-making for critically

ill patients. After observing that comprehensive goals-of-care discussions were often driven by clinical decline rather than initiated proactively, he created BRIDGE-ICU, the first published framework to standardize these conversations within 24 hours of ICU admission and incorporate early provider recommendations. Implementation achieved a 67.3% adherence and reduced nurse-identified nonbeneficial care by 22.7%. Bryan also developed a hospitalwide long-term cardiac monitoring protocol for patients with stroke. He precepts adult-gerontology acute care nurse practitioner students and holds a faculty appointment at the University of Connecticut. An advocate for full practice authority and interprofessional collaboration, Bryan is committed to elevating nursing as a profession of distinction.