

## Unfortunate Timing

### In Transit

**M**y most memorable code blue: My patient had emigrated to the United States from Scandinavia when he was a young man. Now an old man in failing health and recuperating in the hospital from an episode of severe depression, he wanted to fly home to die. The hospital's social service department had made all of the travel arrangements for my patient,

the ambulance was waiting to transfer him to the airport, and I was writing a note to the airline certifying that he was well enough to survive the trip. However, before I could sign the note, he coded and died!

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