

Table 6

Once you have assessed a patient's comorbidities and other risk factors, and determined them to be at high risk for unfavorable outcomes, use this table to guide additional steps.

Interventions for Patients at High Risk of Unfavorable Outcomes

- **Discussion of prognosis**
- **Evaluation for advanced *therapies** if appropriate**
- **Review/revision of goals of care and advanced directives**
- **Consideration before interventions[†] that may be difficult to discontinue**
- **Education regarding palliative care and hospice options**

* Transplantation, mechanical circulatory support

† Intravenous inotropic therapy, temporary circulatory support, mechanical ventilation, dialysis