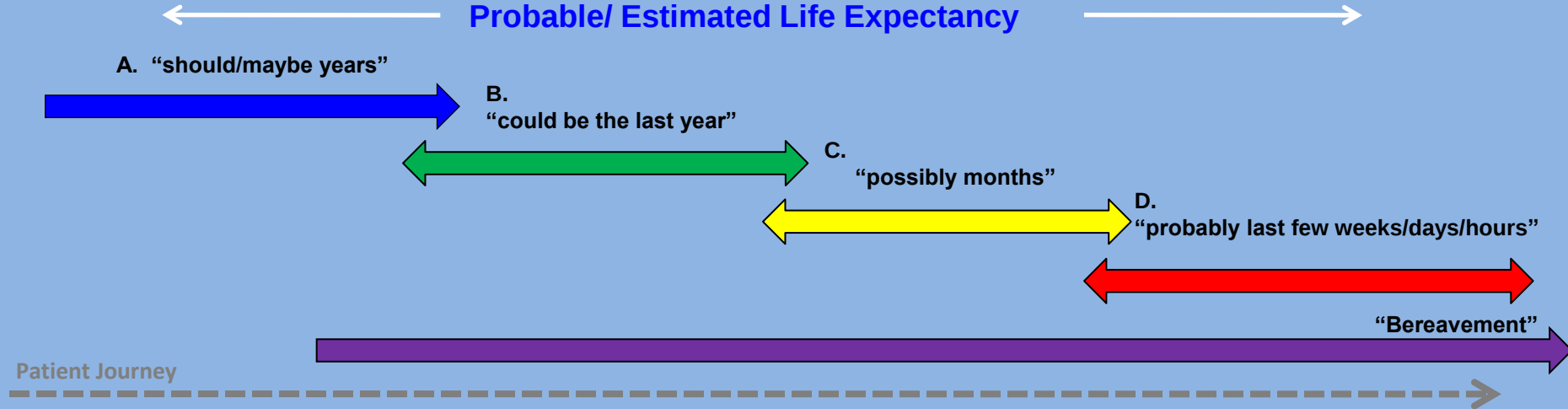




Slow deterioration over time, more dependent, frequent admissions

Prognostic indicators suggest possibly entering last year of life

Discuss with multi disciplinary team

Communicate/discuss with patient, family or those who are important to them

Information/Education

'The Surprise Question'

Confirm with GP patient has palliative care needs

Develop and review the individual care plan with patient who has increasing palliative care needs

Communicate/discuss with family or those who are important to them

Ensure GP Out of Hours service is advised of the palliative care needs

The Surprise Question
'Would you be surprised if this person were to die in the next year?' (see Prognostic Indicators). If you wouldn't be surprised, what should you do to ensure that everything is ready, just in case they deteriorate quickly?