

Advance Health Care Directives

An advance healthcare directive, also known as living will, personal directive, advance directive, or medical directive, is a legal document in which a person specifies what actions should be taken for their health if they are no longer able to make decisions for themselves because of illness or incapacity.

A living will is one form of advance directive, leaving instructions for treatment. Another form is a specific type of durable power of attorney for healthcare in which the person authorizes someone (an agent) to make decisions on their behalf when they are incapacitated. People are often encouraged to complete both documents to provide comprehensive guidance regarding their care.

It is our policy to honor a patient's health care decisions to the full extent required or allowed by law. You are NOT required to give advance health care directions in order to receive care at this facility.

Do you have a Living Will? Yes No

Do you have a Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care? Yes No

If you answered YES to either of the questions, we request a copy of the document(s) to add to your medical chart in order to be sure that your wishes are honored.

Patient Name

Date

Patient Signature