
INSTRUCTION DIRECTIVE
(Living Will)

To my Family, Doctors, and All Those Concerned with My Care:
I, _____, being of sound mind, make this statement as a directive to be followed if for any reason I become unable to participate in decisions regarding my medical care. (**Initial** any that apply.)

A. ___ 1. I direct that life-sustaining procedures be withheld or withdrawn **a)** if I become permanently unconscious, **b)** if I have a terminal illness, **c)** if I experience extreme mental deterioration, or **d)** if I have another type of irreversible illness. The above condition shall have no reasonable expectation of recovery or chance of regaining a meaningful quality of life, as determined by my attending physician and at least one additional physician, who has examined me. I understand that I will be kept comfortable; **OR**

___ 2. I direct that all medically appropriate measures be provided to sustain my life, regardless of my physical or mental condition.

B. This section asks you to think about the values that are important to you regarding treatment in case of severe mental or physical illness.

___ 1. I do not wish my life to be prolonged by medical treatment(s) if my quality of life is unacceptable to me. The following are conditions that are unacceptable to me (Initial only those that describe a way of living that you could **not** tolerate.)

___ a) Permanently unconscious with a ventilator breathing for me

___ b) Permanently unconscious with a feeding tube and/or intravenous (IV) hydration.

___ c) On a ventilator where there is little or no chance of recovery

___ d) Being conscious (awake), but unable to communicate (for example, with a stroke), and being fed with a feeding tube and/or hydrated with IVs to keep me alive; **OR**

___ 2. I want to live as long as possible, regardless of the quality of life that I experience.

C. If you choose A. 1., above, the life-sustaining procedures that would be withheld or withdrawn include, but are not limited to: CPR, mechanical ventilation, surgery, chemotherapy, radiation, dialysis, transfusion, and antibiotics. Initial the following that applies to you (see “Terms You Should Understand” in information booklet)

_____ In the circumstances described in A. 1., above, I also direct that artificially provided nutrition and fluids be withheld and that I be allowed to die.

_____ Upon my death, I am willing to donate any part of my body that may be beneficial to others.

Additional Comments or Exceptions:

These directions express my legal right to request or refuse treatment. Therefore, I expect my family, doctor, and all those concerned with my care to regard themselves as legally and morally bound to act in accord with my wishes.

Signed.

_____ **Date** _____

Witnesses (*cannot be health care representative or alternative representative if any are named on page 3 of this document*). I declare that the person who signed this document, or asked another to sign this document on his/her behalf, did so in, my presence, and that he/she appears to be of sound mind and free of duress or undue influences.

Witness _____ **Date** _____

Witness _____ **Date** _____

Reminder: Give a copy of this document to your doctor, health care representative, and other concerned individuals.

**DURABLE POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR HEALTH CARE
(Proxy Directive)**

If you wish, you may use this section to designate someone to make treatment decisions for you, if you are unable to do so yourself. Your Living Will declaration will be in effect even if you have not designated a proxy.

I, _____, designate the following person as my health care representative to make any and all health care decisions for me acting in my best interest, in the event that I become incapable of making decisions for myself.

Name _____ Relationship _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

If the person I have named above is unable to act as my health care representative, I hereby designate the following person(s) to do so:

1. Name _____ Relationship _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

2. Name _____ Relationship _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

SPECIFIC DIRECTIONS: Please initial the statement below that best expresses your wishes.

___ My health care representative is authorized to direct that artificially provided fluids and nutrition, such as by feeding tube or IV infusion, be withheld or withdrawn.

___ My health care representative does not have this authority, and I direct that artificially provided fluids and nutrition be provided to preserve my life, to the extent medically appropriate.

Signed _____ **Date** _____

Witnesses (*cannot be health care representative or alternative representative listed on previous pages.*) I declare that the person who signed this document or asked another to sign this document on his/her behalf, did so in my presence and that he/she appears to be of sound mind and free of duress or undue influence.

Witness _____ **Date** _____

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