

Date: _____

Client Information
Directive to Physicians and Family or Surrogates

Name (First, Middle, Last):	Social Security Number:	Date of Birth:	US Citizen: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Name (Other names known by):	Email:		
Spouse Name:	Home Phone:	Cell Phone:	
Street Address:	City:	State:	Zip:

Advance Directive (Living Will):

This document is known as an Advance Directive and is designed to help you communicate your wishes about medical treatment at some time in the future when you are unable to make your wishes known because of illness or injury. If you would like me to prepare this Directive, please indicate your preferences below. Before making your selection, please read the section titled "Definitions."

SUFFERING FROM A TERMINAL CONDITION

If, in the judgment of my physician, I am suffering with a **terminal condition** from which I am expected to die within six (6) months, even with life sustaining treatment provided in accordance with prevailing standards of medical care:

- I request that all treatments other than those needed to keep me comfortable be discontinued or withheld and my physician allow me to die as gently as possible **OR**
 I request that I be kept alive in this terminal condition using available life-sustaining treatment (This selection does not apply to Hospice Care)

SUFFERING FROM AN IRREVERSIBLE CONDITION

If, in the judgment of my physician, I am suffering with an **irreversible condition** so that I cannot care for myself or make decisions for myself and I am expected to die without life-sustaining treatment provided in accordance with prevailing standards of care:

- I request all treatments other than those needed to keep me comfortable be discontinued or withheld and my physician allow me to die as gently as possible **OR**
 I request I be kept alive in this irreversible condition using available life-sustaining treatment (This selection does not apply to Hospice Care)

ADDITIONAL REQUESTS

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Definitions

Please read the following definitions and explanations before making your selection.

Definitions:

"Artificially administered nutrition and hydration" means the provision of nutrients or fluids by a tube inserted in a vein, under the skin in the subcutaneous tissues, or in the gastrointestinal tract.

"Irreversible condition" means a condition, injury, or illness:

- (1) that may be treated, but is never cured or eliminated;
- (2) that leaves a person unable to care for or make decisions for the person's own self; and
- (3) that, without life-sustaining treatment provided in accordance with the prevailing standard of medical care, is fatal.

Explanation: Many serious illnesses such as cancer, failure of major organs (kidney, heart, liver, or lung), and serious brain disease such as Alzheimer's dementia may be considered irreversible early on. There is no cure, but the patient may be kept alive for prolonged periods of time if the patient receives life-sustaining treatments. Late in the course of the same illness, the disease may be considered terminal when, even with treatment, the patient is expected to die. You may wish to consider which burdens of treatment you would be willing to accept in an effort to achieve a particular outcome. This is a very personal decision that you may wish to discuss with your physician, family, or other important persons in your life.

"Life-sustaining treatment" means treatment that, based on reasonable medical judgment, sustains the life of a patient and without which the patient will die. The term includes both life-sustaining medications and artificial life support such as mechanical breathing machines, kidney dialysis treatment, and artificially administered nutrition and hydration. The term does not include the administration of pain management medication, the performance of a medical procedure necessary to provide comfort care, or any other medical care provided to alleviate a patient's pain.

"Terminal condition" means an incurable condition caused by injury, disease, or illness that according to reasonable medical judgment will produce death within six months, even with available life-sustaining treatment provided in accordance with the prevailing standard of medical care.

Explanation: Many serious illnesses may be considered irreversible early in the course of the illness, but they may not be considered terminal until the disease is fairly advanced. In thinking about terminal illness and its treatment, you again may wish to consider the relative benefits and burdens of treatment and discuss your wishes with your physician, family, or other important persons in your life.