



**Faculty Group Practice
PATIENT INFORMATION ON ADVANCE DIRECTIVES**

We are giving you this summary of Advance Directives to help you understand the ways in which our staff will support your rights as an adult patient to make decisions about your health care treatment and to have those wishes honored in the event you are not able to make or communicate your decisions.

Advance Directives are written or oral instructions relating regarding the provision of healthcare in the event an adult over 18 becomes incapacitated. The most common types of Advance Directives are the following.

Healthcare Proxy: a document created pursuant to Article 29-C of the Public Health Law which delegates authority to an adult known as the healthcare agent to make healthcare decisions on behalf of another adult when that adult is incapacitated.

Do Not Resuscitate Order (DNR): a DNR order means specifically that if cardiac and/or respiratory arrest occurs – that is, if a person stops breathing and/or his/her heart stops beating—cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) will not be performed to revive the person. However, if the person is not in cardiac or respiratory arrest, appropriate medical treatment for all injuries, pain, difficult or insufficient breathing, hemorrhage and/or other medical conditions will be provided.

Living Will: a document which contains specific instructions concerning an adult’s wishes about health care choices and treatments that the adult does or does not want to receive and which the adult does not want to designate to an agent or healthcare proxy. A living will may be considered clear and convincing evidence of a patient’s wishes.

During the registration process you will be asked if you have Advance Directives. If you do, we will ask you to give us a copy, which will become a part of your medical record.

If you currently do not have any advance directives, we encourage you to learn more about the ways in which you can ensure that your healthcare decisions will be carried out should you become incapacitated. The following page contains a number of resources available on the internet. Additionally, if you would like a copy of the New York State Office of the Attorney General publication “Planning Healthcare in Advance,” ask the staff at your NYU Faculty Practice physician office to provide you with one.



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New York State Department of Health general information on Advance Directives:
<http://www.health.state.ny.us/nysdoh/hospital/english3.htm>

New York State publication "Planning Your Healthcare in Advance:"
http://www.oag.state.ny.us/bureaus/health_care/pdfs/EOLGUIDE.pdf

Advance Care planning guide from Excellus Blue Cross Blue Shield:
http://www.compassionandsupport.org/pdfs/about/advance_care_planning.pdf

General information on Advance Care planning:
http://www.compassionandsupport.org/index.php/for_patients_families/advance_care_planning

Health Care Proxy Form in English, Spanish, Chinese and Russian:
http://www.health.state.ny.us/professionals/patients/health_care_proxy/index.htm

Do Not Resuscitate information and form:
<http://www.health.state.ny.us/nysdoh/ems/policy/99-10.htm>