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Advance Directives

What are Advance Directives? They are statements of a patient's wishes for their health care in the event that the patient becomes incapacitated, and they are unable to make decisions for themselves.

In New York State, a patient has the right to accept or refuse medical treatment, including life-sustaining treatment.

The following information, also available on the Health Department website. The Health Department website is accessible at www.health.state.ny.us.

If you have any type of Advance Directive in place, a Health Care Proxy, a DNR (Do Not Resuscitate) order, or a Living Will, then your response and the documents will be placed in your medical record. If you have an Advance Directive in place you should bring a copy to the office, any procedure, and emergency room visits.

If you have a DNR (Do Not Resuscitate)/ MOLST order you will need to inform the office and a copy will be placed on your chart. At your visit you will be offered the opportunity to discuss and consent to life-sustaining treatments in the event of an emergency including alternatives and limitations.

If you wish more information on Health Care Proxy, Living Will, CPR, and DNR, it is available at the Health Department website: www.health.state.ny.us