

ADVANCE MEDICAL DIRECTIVE

This form expresses my specific wishes regarding medical treatments in case of illness prevents me from communicating them directly. My wishes apply both to the illnesses described and to any other situations that might develop. If circumstance arises that my choices do not specifically address, my doctors and my agent should extrapolate from my choices below to the situation at hand. I understand that my wishes must be medically reasonable. Finally, all conclusions about my medical condition must be agreed to by my physician and appropriate consultants.

For each of the situations at right, check the boxes that indicate your wishes regarding treatment.

SITUATION A:
If I am in a coma or persistent vegetative state and have no known hope of recovering awareness or higher mental functions:

SITUATION B:
If I am in a coma and have a small but uncertain chance of regaining awareness and higher mental functioning:

SITUATION C:
If I am aware but have brain damage that makes me unable to recognize people, to speak meaningfully, or to live independently, and I have a terminal illness:

TREATMENTS	SITUATION A:			SITUATION B:			SITUATION C:		
	I want	I do not want	I want a trial if no clear improvement. stop treatment.	I want	I do not want	I want a trial if no clear improvement. stop treatment.	I want	I do not want	I want a trial if no clear improvement. stop treatment.
1. Cardiopulmonary resuscitation. The use of pressure on the chest, drugs, drugs, electric shocks, and artificial breathing to revive me if my heart stops.									
2. Mechanical respiration. Breathing by machine, through a tube in the throat.									
3. Artificial feeding. Giving food and water through a tube inserted either in a vein down the nose, or through a hole in the stomach.									
4. Major surgery. For example, removing the gall bladder or part of the intestine.									
5. Kidney dialysis. Cleaning the blood by machine or by fluid passed through the abdomen.									
6. Chemotherapy. Drugs to fight cancer.									
7. Minor surgery. For example, removing part of an infected toe.									
8. Invasive diagnostic tests. For example, examining the stomach through a tube inserted down the throat.									
9. Transfusions of blood or blood components.									
10. Antibiotics. Drugs to fight infection.									
11. Simple diagnostic tests. For example, blood tests or X-Rays.									
12. Pain medications, even if they dull consciousness and indirectly shorten my life.									

