

THIS IS ONLY A SAMPLE!!! PLEASE WRITE YOUR OWN BASED ON THE SPECIFIC NEEDS/SITUATION OF YOUR PRACTICE.

ADVANCE DIRECTIVES

The opportunity to create a set of advance directives will be offered to all patients over the age of 65, and to any patient younger than 65 upon request. The purpose of the advance directives is for the patient to express his/her intentions as to whether they wish to receive or have discontinued specific types of medical treatment and/or procedures if the individual becomes incompetent and either terminally ill or in a persistent vegetative state.

Medical procedures to be covered in the advance directive may contain, but are not limited to:

1. Surgery
2. Antibiotics
3. Cardiac resuscitation
4. Respiratory support (mechanical ventilation)
5. Renal dialysis
6. Artificial nutrition and hydration

Documentation that a discussion of the advance directives occurred between the patient and physician shall appear in the progress notes. The advance directives will be filed in the front of the patient's chart. This will also be noted on the front of the medical record.