

“ You have a right to make decisions regarding your health care.

No health care may be given to you over your objection, and necessary health care may not be stopped or withheld if you object. ”

Wisconsin Power of Attorney for Health Care Document Notice

OUR VISION

Through our Healthy Village concept, Edgerton Hospital and Health Services will serve area communities with exceptional quality, innovative health services, and promote wellness with highly trained physicians and staff members.

OUR VALUES

“I CARE”

Integrity, Compassion, Accountability, Respect, Excellence

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Advance Directives for Health Care

Living Will, Power of Attorney for Health Care and Do-Not-Resuscitate Order



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What are Advance Directives?

Advance Directives are legal documents that are completed in advance of an injury/illness that may leave you unable to express your wishes.



The three most common advance directives are the power of attorney for health care, the living will, and the do-not-resuscitate order.

A **Power of Attorney for Health Care** is a document in which you appoint an individual to make health care decisions for you if your doctors determine you can no longer make them on your own.

A **Living Will** is a document in which you state your wishes about medical care involving the use of feeding tubes and life-sustaining procedures.

A **Do-Not-Resuscitate Order** is a form that lets the patient prohibit medical procedures outside the hospital.

When does a Power of Attorney take effect and for how long?

A Power of Attorney for Health Care is not active until two doctors have determined that you are no longer able to manage your health care decisions. This will remain in effect until you regain the ability to make health care decisions.

Who should receive copies of the Advance Directives?

Copies of each document should be given to your physician, hospital, spouse, children, other family members or friends so your wishes are made known to everyone involved.

Do I need a witness when I create this document?

Yes. The Power of Attorney for Health Care must be signed in the presence of two witnesses who are at least 18 years of age, not related to you, and not providing your health care.

Do I need a lawyer in order to create an Advance Directive?

No. A lawyer is not needed and these do not need to be notarized. Assistance in completing these forms is done for free at any hospital.

Can a Power of Attorney for Health Care be revoked?

Yes. You can revoke the documents at any time by destroying them, signing a statement with your intention, or creating a new document. Inform anyone who has copies, including your health care providers, so they can remove it from your records.

Does a Power of Attorney or a Living Will need to be renewed?

No. Once the documents are signed they do not expire. You can make changes at any time. It is recommended that you update/review the documents when any of the five D's occur:

- Every new DECADE
- You experience a DEATH of a family member or friend
- You DIVORCE
- You receive a new DIAGNOSIS
- You have a significant DECLINE in your activities of daily living

Where can I obtain more information?

The forms are available on the Department of Health website at www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/forms/advdirectives

Edgerton Hospital's team would be happy to help you complete these forms, simply call:

Patient & Family Services at 608-884-1490.

