

FANA Medical Group Healthcare Advance Directives

Your “Advance Directives” will allow you to express what your wishes are for your medical care if you ever become unable to make critical medical decisions yourself (Example: if you are in a coma).

To help answer some basic questions you may have on “Advance Directives” we have attached a question and answer sheet.

We have also enclosed the “Patient Self-Determination Questionnaire”. Please take a few minutes to complete this form. If you have any of these important medical directives already please bring an original copy with you on your initial visit. If you do not have these forms, you may want to contact your attorney who should have all of these forms and can assist you with completing these.

If you are unable to get these forms or have questions regarding “Advance Directives” check with a Fana Medical Group staff member for assistance when you come in for your initial visit.

Thank you for your time and for becoming a member of the Fana Medical Group family.

Advance Directives

What are advance directives?

“Advance Directive” is a general term that refers to your oral or written instructions about your future medical care in the event you become unable to speak for yourself.

What is a living will?

A living will is a type of advance directive in which you put in writing your wishes about medical treatment should you be unable to communicate your wishes.

What is a medical power of attorney?

A medical power of attorney is a document that lets you appoint someone you trust make decisions about your medical care if you cannot make those decisions yourself.

Why do I need an advance directive?

Advance directives give you a voice in decisions about your medical care when you are unconscious or too ill to communicate. As long as you are able to express your own decisions your advance directives will not be used and you can accept or refuse any medical treatment. But if you become seriously ill, you may lose the ability to participate in decisions about your own treatment.

What happens if I don't have an advance directive?

In the event that you cannot speak for yourself, health and medical decisions may be made by someone not of your choosing or by the court.

Once I make an advance directive, can I cancel it?

Yes, your advance directive can be canceled or revoked by you at any time.

Who should I talk to about an advance directive?

Your Fana Medical Group Primary Care Physician is the best person to answer your questions. Your doctor has the knowledge and cares about you to put your concerns at ease. All the necessary paperwork and information is available at your Fana Medical Group Center. Ask your doctor or see the receptionist.