



Advance Directives

with Front Range Hospice and Palliative Care

The benefits of the following advance directives are invaluable. As your medical needs change, you have the ability to plan now for your future medical treatment.

Creating advance directives:

- gives you the power to control your care,
- gives the medical professionals direction on how you want to be treated,
- gives your loved ones peace of mind that these are your desires

Types of Advance Directives

MDPOA (Medical Durable Power of Attorney)

You elect an agent or agents to make healthcare decisions when you are no longer able to make medical decisions. It is best if you have a conversation with your agent about what your wishes would be if you are no longer able to make them yourself. Appointing a MDPOA does **not** take your right away to make healthcare decisions as long as you are able.

General POA (Power of Attorney) or Financial POA is not able to make healthcare decisions for you.

Living Will

Directs that life-sustaining treatment be withheld or withdrawn when two physicians determine an incurable or irreversible condition exists or someone is in a persistent vegetative state and lacking decisional capacity

Colorado CPR Directive/DNR (Do Not Resuscitate)

You can elect this physician signed order to direct medical personnel to not initiate CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) if you stop breathing or your heart stops beating.

MOST (Colorado Medical Orders for Scope of Treatment)

This directive allows you to specify your wishes regarding:

- CPR
- Medical Interventions
- Artificially Administrated Nutrition and Hydration

This form does not take the place of other directives but is in addition to. It does not elect MDPOA, but recognizes if there is an elected decision maker. This form is meant to follow the patient wherever the patient may be. This form is preferred over the Colorado CPR Directive. The original must be posted.