

ADVANCE DIRECTIVE

YOU DO NOT HAVE TO FILL OUT AND SIGN THIS FORM

PART A: IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THIS ADVANCE DIRECTIVE

This is an important legal document. It can control critical decisions about your health care. Before signing, consider these important facts:

Facts About Part B: (Appointing a Health Care Representative)

You have the right to name a person to direct your health care when you cannot do so. This person is called your "health care representative." You can do this by using Part B of this form. Your representative must accept on Part E of this form.

You can write in this document any restrictions you want on how your representative will make decisions for you. Your representative must follow your desires as stated in this document or otherwise made known. If your desires are unknown, your representative must try to act in your best interest. Your representative can resign at any time.

Facts About Part C: (Giving Health Care Instructions)

You also have the right to give instructions for health care providers to follow if you become unable to direct your care. You can do this by using Part C of this form.

Facts About Completing This Form

This form is valid only if you sign it voluntarily and when you are of sound mind. If you do not want an advance directive, you do not have to sign this form.

Unless you have limited the duration of this advance directive, it will not expire. If you have set an expiration date, and you become unable to direct your health care before that date, this advance directive will not expire until you are able to make those decisions again.

You may revoke this document at any time. To do so, notify your representative and your health care provider of the revocation.

Despite this document, you have the right to decide your own health care as long as you are able to do so.

If there is anything in this document that you do not understand, ask a lawyer to explain it to you.

You may sign Part B, Part C, or both parts. You may cross out words that don't express your wishes or add words that better express your wishes. Witnesses must sign Part D.

**Print:** Name \_\_\_\_\_

Birth date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Unless revoked or suspended, this advance directive will continue for:

**INITIAL ONE:**

\_\_\_\_\_ My entire life

\_\_\_\_\_ Other period (\_\_\_\_\_ Years)

PART B: APPOINTMENT OF HEALTH CARE REPRESENTATIVE

**Representative**

I appoint \_\_\_\_\_ as my health care representative. My representative's address is:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

& telephone # is \_\_\_\_\_

**Alternate**

I appoint \_\_\_\_\_ as my alternate health care representative. My representative's address is:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

& telephone # is \_\_\_\_\_

I authorize my representative (or alternate) to direct my health care when I can't do so.

**NOTE:** You may not appoint your doctor, an employee of your doctor, or an owner, operator of employee of your health care facility, unless that person is related to you by blood, marriage or adoption or that person was appointed before your admission into the health care facility.

1. **LIMITS**

Special Conditions or Instructions: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**INITIAL IF THIS APPLIES:**

\_\_\_\_\_ I have executed a Health Care Instruction or Directive to Physicians. My representative is to honor it.

2. **LIFE SUPPORT**

"Life support" refers to any medical means for maintaining life, including procedures, devices and medications.

If you refuse life support, you will still get routine measures to keep you clean and comfortable.

**INITIAL IF THIS APPLIES:**

\_\_\_\_\_ My representative MAY decide about life support for me. (If you don't initial this space, then your representative MAY NOT decide about life support.)

3. **TUBE FEEDING**

One sort of life support is food and water supplied artificially by medical device, known as tube feeding.

**INITIAL IF THIS APPLIES:**

\_\_\_\_\_ My representative MAY decide about tube feeding for me. (If you don't initial this space, then your representative MAY NOT decide about tube feeding.)

**SIGN HERE TO APPOINT A HEALTH CARE REPRESENTATIVE**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of person making appointment)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

**PART C: HEALTH CARE INSTRUCTIONS**

**NOTE:** In filling out these instructions, keep the following in mind:

- The term "as my physician recommends" means that you want your physician to try life support if your physician believes it could be helpful and then discontinue it if it is not helping your health condition or symptoms.
- "Life support" and "tube feeding" are defined in Part B.
- If you refuse tube feeding, you should understand that malnutrition, dehydration and death will probably result.
- You will get care for your comfort and cleanliness, no matter what choices you make.
- You may either give specific instructions by filling out items 1 to 4 below, or you may use the general instructions provided by item 5.

Here are my desires about my health care if my doctor and another knowledgeable doctor confirm that I am in a medical condition described below:

1. Close to Death. If I am close to death and life support would only postpone the moment of my death:
- |   |   |
|---|---|
| a. INITIAL ONE:   | b. INITIAL ONE:   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I want to receive tube feeding.                      | <input type="checkbox"/> I want any other life support that may apply.        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I want tube feeding only as my physician recommends. | <input type="checkbox"/> I want life support only as my physician recommends. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I DO NOT WANT tube feeding.                          | <input type="checkbox"/> I want NO life support.                              |

2. Permanently Unconscious. If I am unconscious and it is very unlikely that I will ever become conscious again:
- |   |   |
|---|---|
| a. INITIAL ONE:   | b. INITIAL ONE:   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I want to receive tube feeding.                      | <input type="checkbox"/> I want any other life support that may apply.        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I want tube feeding only as my physician recommends. | <input type="checkbox"/> I want life support only as my physician recommends. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I DO NOT WANT tube feeding.                          | <input type="checkbox"/> I want NO life support.                              |

3. Advanced Progressive Illness. If I have a progressive illness that will be fatal and is in an advanced stage, and I am consistently and permanently unable to communicate by any means, swallow food and water safely, care for myself and recognize my family and other people, and it is very unlikely that my condition will substantially improve:
- |  |   |
|--|---|
| a. INITIAL ONE:  | b. INITIAL ONE:   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I want to receive tube feeding.                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> I want any other life support that may apply.        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I want to receive tube feeding only as my physician recommends. | <input type="checkbox"/> I want life support only as my physician recommends. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I DO NOT WANT tube feeding.                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> I want NO life support.                              |

4. Extraordinary Suffering. If life support would not help my medical condition and would make me suffer permanent and severe pain:
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|--|---|
| a. INITIAL ONE:  | b. INITIAL ONE:   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I want to receive tube feeding.                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> I want any other life support as may apply.          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I want to receive tube feeding only as my physician recommends. | <input type="checkbox"/> I want life support only as my physician recommends. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I DO NOT WANT tube feeding                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> I want NO life support.                              |

5. General Instruction  
INITIAL IF THIS APPLIES:  
 I do not want my life to be prolonged by life support. I also do not want tube feeding as life support. I want my doctors to allow me to die naturally if my doctor and another knowledgeable doctor confirm I am in any of the medical conditions listed in Items 1 to 4 above.

6. Additional Conditions or Instructions (Insert description of what you want done.) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

7. Other Documents (A "health care power of attorney" is any document you may have signed to appoint a representative to make health care decisions for you.)  
INITIAL ONE:  
 I have previously signed a health care power of attorney. I want it to remain in effect unless I appointed a health care representative after signing the health care power of attorney.  
 I have a health care power of attorney, and I REVOKE IT.  
 I DO NOT have a health care power of attorney.

Sign Here to Give Instructions: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

PART D: DECLARATION OF WITNESSES

We declare that the person signing this advance directive:

- a. Is personally known to us or has provided proof of identity;
- b. Signed or acknowledged that person's signature on this advance directive in our presence;
- c. Appears to be of sound mind and not under duress, fraud or undue influence;
- d. Has not appointed either of us as health care representative or alternative representative; and
- e. Is not a patient for whom either of us is the attending physician.

Witnessed By:

\_\_\_\_\_ (Signature of Witness/Date) \_\_\_\_\_ (Printed Name of Witness)

\_\_\_\_\_ (Signature of Witness/Date) \_\_\_\_\_ (Printed Name of Witness)

NOTE: One witness must not be a relative (by blood, marriage or adoption) of the person signing this advance directive. That witness must also not be entitled to any portion of the person's estate upon death. That witness must also not own, operate or be employed at a health care facility where the person is a patient or resident.

PART E: ACCEPTANCE BY HEALTH CARE REPRESENTATIVE

I accept this appointment and agree to serve as health care representative. I understand I must act consistently with the desires of the person I represent, as expressed in this advance directive or otherwise made known to me. If I do not know the desires of the person I represent, I have a duty to act in what I believe in good faith to be that person's best interest. I understand that this document allows me to decide about that person's health care only while that person cannot do so. I understand that the person who appointed me may revoke this appointment. If I learn that this document has been suspended or revoked, I will inform the person's current health care provider if known to me.

\_\_\_\_\_ (Signature of Health Care Representative) \_\_\_\_\_ (Date)

\_\_\_\_\_ (Printed Name)

\_\_\_\_\_ (Signature of Alternate Health Care Representative) \_\_\_\_\_ (Date)

\_\_\_\_\_ (Printed Name)

*[Note: This Addendum "A" is not part of the statutory Advance Directive form. It was prepared by a Christian Scientist to accommodate the desires of Christian Scientists. It is optional and may be modified before it is signed to suit individual needs, desires and circumstances.]*

## **ADDENDUM "A" TO ADVANCE DIRECTIVE**

I intend that this Addendum "A" be a part of the attached Advance Directive and that the instructions given and powers conferred in that document be exercised only in compliance with this Addendum.

### Statement of Desires, Special Provisions, and Limitations

In exercising the authority under this Advance Directive, my health care representative shall act consistently with my desires as stated herein and is subject to the following special provisions and limitations:

- a. Desire to Receive Christian Science Care Exclusively
  - i. It is my express desire that, in any situation requiring physical or mental care, my health care representative shall obtain such care from a Christian Science Nurse or from an authorized Christian Science Practitioner, or from both, exclusively.
  - ii. I further instruct that such care be given to me in my own home, if practicable, or at a facility dedicated to rendering Christian Science care. In no event shall I be kept at any facility in which I cannot be given Christian Science care exclusively.
  - iii. I am a member of the Church of Christ, Scientist, also known as the Christian Science denomination, am a practicing student of Christian Science, and have relied on Christian Science care to meet my physical and mental needs. I have experienced and witnessed the effectiveness of Christian Science care in healing both physical and mental conditions, including illness, accident, and injury.
  - iv. It is my express desire that my health care representative choose Christian Science care for me as I would do for myself. I do not wish to receive medical treatment for illness, accident, or injury, specifically including all conditions described in Part C of the attached Advance Directive.
  - v. If any diagnosis is made at my request or otherwise, such diagnosis shall not be construed to imply my consent to medical treatment. My wearing of prescription glasses, use of a hearing aid, use of others aids, or the request for a specific medically-oriented procedure – *e.g.*, setting a broken bone or dentistry on a tooth – shall not be construed as my having forsaken my belief in, adherence to, and reliance upon God through Christian Science treatment for healing.

- b. Involuntary Medical Treatment Including Life-Sustaining Procedures; Withdrawal. If, under any circumstance, I am placed into the care of medical professionals without my express written consent, I direct and authorize my health care representative to obtain my release from such care, including, without limitation, release from or withdrawal of life support or tube feeding, as defined in the attached Advance Directive, or from any other medical procedures.
- c. Consent to Medical Care Prohibited. I hereby prohibit my health care representative from giving consent to the rendering or administering of any medical care procedure or drug on my behalf, but this paragraph shall not prohibit my health care representative from authorizing or consenting to the rendering or administering, by any individual, of the type of care procedures that would be used by an authorized Christian Science Nurse, or other such emergency medical or first aid care or treatment that my health care representative, in his or her best judgement, believes that I would consent to if I were able to provide such consent. In the event that such emergency medical or first aid care or treatment is provided to me, it is my desire, and I direct my health care representative, to make arrangements to remove me from such care or treatment as soon as practicable to enable me to receive care in the manner set forth in paragraph a. above.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Witness/Date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Printed Name of Witness)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Witness/Date)

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(Printed Name of Witness)