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Advance Health Care Planning in Kansas



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What if...

If they would have had an advance directive...




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Current advance planning trends




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Reason why an individual does not have advance directives: lack of awareness



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What are advance directives?


Advance directives are legal documents that allow you to voice your wishes regarding future medical care/treatment in the event that you become unable to do so for yourself.



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Why do we need them?

- You have the right to be informed and decide, as long as you are capable of doing so
- So what happens if you become unable...?
- Give the gift of making your wishes known




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DURABLE POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR HEALTHCARE



K-STATE Research and Extension **Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care**

- Appoint an “agent” to speak on your behalf
- The agent:
 - Will speak for you only if you become incapacitated due to illness or injury
 - Can make treatment decisions (how/who), medical facilities, organ donation, autopsy, and what to do with your body after death
 - Cannot revoke wishes from a living will




K-STATE Research and Extension **Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care**

- Access to medical records
- HIPAA Privacy Authorization Form



K-STATE Research and Extension **Who should I appoint?**

- Kansas requirements:
 - At least 18 years old
 - Competent
 - Limitations
 - Treating health care provider
 - Employees/Owners/Directors of your treating health care provider unless that person is related to you by blood, marriage, or adoption or you have taken vows in the same religious community





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Who should I appoint?

Your agent should be someone:



- You trust
- Who knows you well
- Who will advocate for you
- Who will honor your wishes



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How do I appoint an agent?


- Fill-in-the-blank form
- Must be:
 - Signed and dated
 - Notarized**OR**
 - Signed by two witnesses
 - At least 18 years of age
 - Can NOT be related to you by blood, marriage, or adoption
 - Can NOT be entitled to your estate
 - Can NOT have direct financial responsibility for your health care



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What's the difference?

- Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care
 - Appoint an agent to make medical decisions for you if you were to become incapacitated
- Durable/Non-Durable Financial Powers of Attorney
 - Complex legal documents that allow you to appoint an individual to make financial decisions on your behalf



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LIVING WILL



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Living Will


- An instruction list to your physician, family, and friends that outlines what type of life-sustaining procedures you want at the end of your life
- Essentially a request to die naturally utilizing only comfort measures



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Living Will


- “...I direct that such procedures be withheld or withdrawn, and that I be permitted to die naturally with only the administration of medication or the performance of any medical procedure deemed necessary to provide me with comfort care”



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Living Will

- Becomes effective only when you've been diagnosed, in writing, to have a terminal condition by two physicians
- Limitation:
 - Pregnancy



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How do I make a Living Will?

- Fill-in-the-blank form
- Must be:
 - Signed and dated
 - Notarized

OR

- Signed by two witnesses
 - At least 18 years of age
 - Can NOT be related to you by blood, marriage, or adoption
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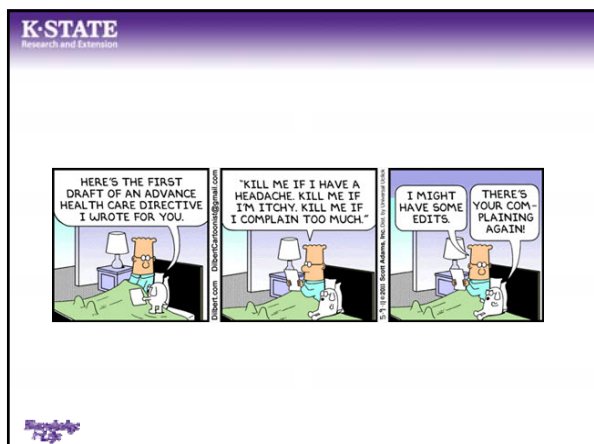
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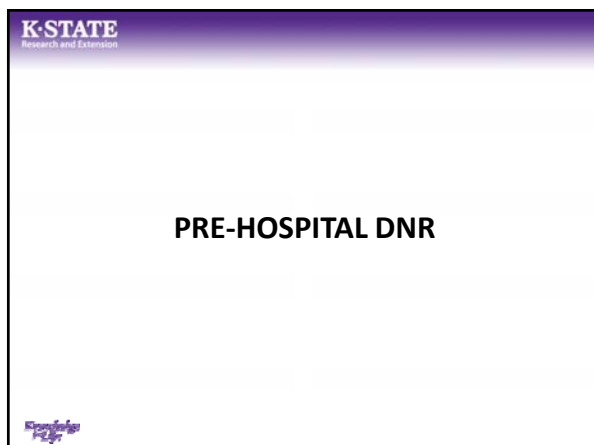
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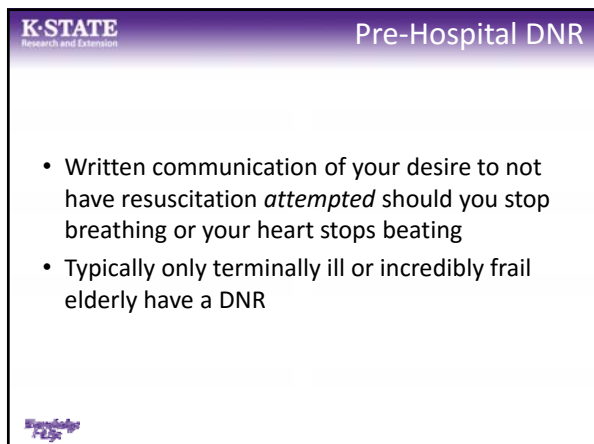
What's the difference?

- Living Will
 - Medical and health care wishes
- Wills & Living Trusts
 - Complex legal documents that address how your property and assets will be transferred after your death

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How do I get a Pre-Hospital DNR?

- Fill-in-the-blank form
- Signed by:
 - You
 - Your physician
 - 1 Witness
 - At least 18 years old
 - May NOT be related to you by blood, marriage, or adoption
 - Can NOT be entitled to your estate
 - Can NOT have direct financial responsibility for your health care



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FINAL THOUGHTS



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Organ Donation in Kansas

How to sign up:

- Register online: donatelifekansas.com/join
- Say “yes” at the DMV
- Call 1-888-744-4531 to request a form





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Storing your Documents

- House
- Vehicle
- Any place that you frequently visit for long periods of time
- Family / close friends
- Physician
- Health care agent

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Wallet Cards

I HAVE A DURABLE POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR HEALTH CARE	A copy of my document can be found in these places:
My Name: _____	_____
My Health Care Agent: _____	_____
My Agent's Phone #: _____	Other copies of my document are held by:
My Doctor: _____	Name: _____ Phone: _____
My Doctor's Phone #: _____	Name: _____ Phone: _____

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