

Advance Directive Information

Bakersfield Family Medical Center/Heritage Physician Network (BFMC/HPN) members are advised of their right to make health care decisions and to execute Advance Directives. California's **PSDA Patient Self Determination Act** law effective 12-1-91 allows individuals to direct their own care.

What is an Advance Health Care Directive?

An Advance Health Care Directive asserts an individual's rights to accept or refuse treatment and gives direction to those close to the patient and to their medical providers.

An Advance Health Care Directive is a document that may authorize another person to make health care decisions for a patient when the patient is no longer able to make decisions for him or herself.

An Advance Health Care Directive may contain information about a patient's desires concerning end-of-life health care decisions such as organ donation, pain management, and life support.

Would you like to ensure that the health care you might receive at a time when you are unable to speak for yourself, would be what you really desire?

PLEASE READ AND RESPOND TO THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS

1. I would like more information about advance directives and my right to accept or refuse medical treatments.* Yes No
2. I have already executed a Durable Power of Attorney or an advance directive for health care. Yes No
3. I understand that I am not required to have an advance directive in order to receive medical treatment at the healthcare facility. _____(Please Initial)

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____
(Please Print Clearly)

Signed: _____ Today's Date: _____

*Address where BFMC can send you more information:

Street _____ Apt # _____

City _____ State _____ Zipcode _____

* Staff: Please fax a copy to Cindy at BFMC-Health Education Department (661) 846-4658.