



Advanced Directives, What Are They and Why Should You Have Them

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Resources

- **[Montana Rights of Terminally Ill Act](#)** (MSU Extension MontGuide)
Describes how a person can choose to terminate his/her medical treatment, should the person have an incurable and irreversible condition that would lead to death without treatment.
 - [Declaration \(Direct Physician to Withhold\) Form](#)
 - [Declaration \(Designating Another Individual to Make Decision\) Form](#)
- **[Montana End-of-Life Registry](#)** (MSU Extension MontGuide)
Answers commonly asked questions about the Montana End-of-Life Registry.
 - [Consumer Registration Agreement](#) (Montana Department of Justice-Office of Consumer Protection)
 - [My Choices Advance Directive](#) (Montana Department of Justice-Office of Consumer Protection)
 - [Health Care Provider Registration Agreement](#) (Montana Department of Justice-Office of Consumer Protection)
- **[Provider Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment](#)** (MSU Extension MontGuide)
Gives control over medical treatments near the end of life. Once signed by you and your physician, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant, the POLST form is recognized as an actual medical order that will be honored by all Montana health care providers.
- **[Caring Connections](#)**
This program of the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization provides several more in-depth resources on Advance Directives, Planning Ahead, Caregiving, End-of-Life Care, Grief, and much more.
 - [Health Care Agents: Four Quick Steps to Naming Someone to Speak4me](#)
- **[Five Wishes \(Aging with Dignity\)](#)**
Advance directive that focuses on talking about health care wishes and personal needs in a straightforward way.
- **[American Bar Association Publications](#)**: Consumer Tool Kit for Health Care Advance Planning, Legal Guide for Seriously Ill: Seven Key Steps to Get Your Affairs in Order, and Making Medical Decisions for Someone Else: A How to Guide.