



Advance Care Planning - My Personal Values

This tool will be beneficial for you in determining an appropriate health care agent. Mark the extent to which you agree or disagree with each statement. If you are unsure, check "not sure." Share your answers with the person whom you think would be a good decision-maker for you. Any discrepancy between your preferences and those indicated by your proposed agent are great beginning points for conversation.

		Strongly Agree	Agree	Not Sure	Disagree	Strongly Disagree		
Level of Independent Decision-Making								
1.	I want to remain involved in health care decisions about my care.							
2.	I want information provided to me about my health care (e.g. understanding my disease, likely outcome of treatment, benefits, risks, reasonable alternative treatments, and consequences if I select no treatment).							
3.	I want to know if the treatment being considered is likely to achieve the goals I've set for my life/health without causing excessive burden on me or my family.							
4.	I have the right to refuse medical treatment even if the refusal may shorten my life.							
5.	It is important to me to know about my diagnosis and overall health, even if there is little chance for recovery or no possibility of recovery.							
Sc	Social/Relational Activities							
6.	I want to be able to engage in activities that bring me meaning and purpose (e.g. visiting others, attending church or synagogue, or travel).							
7.	It is important to me to be able to recognize my immediate family members throughout my treatment/dying process.							
8.	I want to be able to talk to and understand others.							
9.	I believe cost/insurance coverage should be considered in the type of treatment I receive.							





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Aggressiveness of Medical Treatment at End of Life										
10.	I want feeding tubes, including stomach tubes or nasogastric tubes (which are placed down the nose), or intravenous feedings, unless it reduces my comfort or increases my pain.									
11.	I would like all treatments possible to keep me alive even if I can no longer experience things I've found meaningful.									
12.	I want all attempts to start my heart or breathing if it stops or receive other types of advanced life support (e.g. dialysis if my kidney's fail; breathing machine if I cannot breathe on my own; medications to address my blood pressure issues, etc).									
13.	I want consideration given to the use of any medical treatments possible if these treatments would help me to return to a life where I can experience joy, love and the things I find important.									
14.	I would like to have an autopsy done so that more can be learned about my illness.									
General Guidelines										
15.	I do not want to be indefinitely dependent on medical interventions (e.g., breathing machines) only to be kept alive.									
16.	I want to be able to die at home, if possible, rather than in a hospital or nursing home.									
17.	I want to be an organ, eye and tissue donor.									