



WSU Specialty Care

ADVANCE DIRECTIVE FACT SHEET

Did you know:

- In 1990 the State of Michigan enacted a law that states you have the right to determine the direction of your medical care?
- The legal right to plan the direction of your medical care is known as an ADVANCE DIRECTIVE?
- In Michigan, the ADVANCE DIRECTIVE is legally recognized as the Durable Power of Attorney of Healthcare, or D.P.O.A
- An ADVANCE DIRECTIVE is a written document that allows you, as a patient, to specify what type of medical care you want in the future should you lose the ability to make decisions?
- The ADVANCE DIRECTIVE is a voluntary option that you may wish to consider.
- Before completing the ADVANCE DIRECTIVE, you may choose to discuss your health care plans with your doctor and family?
- The policy of the WSU Specialty Care is to respect the rights of competent patients or their Patient Advocate to make informed decisions to accept or refuse medical treatment as long as those decisions are compatible with sound medical practice and current ethical standards?
- Copies of hospital policies concerning limitations of treatment, ADVANCE DIRECTIVES and informed consent are available to you upon request?

Now that you know some things about an ADVANCE DIRECTIVE, you may contact the following for more information.

- To reach a Family Advocate, Peer Advocate, or Social Work – (313)966-2800