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ADVANCED DIRECTIVE INFORMATION

CHOICES:

Medical Science has grown over the last thirty years. Doctors have found new and better ways to help patients who have health problems. Because of these new findings patients have more choices when deciding what type of care is best for them. Your medical care can now include breathing machines (ventilators), kidney machines (dialysis), feeding with tubes, and CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation). Knowing about these options, you can decide what care you would like if something happens to you or a loved one. You may want all types of care used or you may want anything except to have your pain controlled so that you can live the rest of your life comfortably.

You can accept the medical care offered or you can reject it. This is your right. Whatever you choose to do, the doctors and nurses are there to help you.

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE:

You may not be able to make a decision in the future because of an illness or injury, so you should think now about the type of care you would like.

You should talk with your family and your doctor about your wishes. Your doctor can help you by telling you what is available. In case something does happen, your doctor and family know what care you want.

ADVANCED DIRECTIVES:

There are two types of advance directives that you can use. These papers are called the Medical Power of Attorney and the Living Will.

MEDICAL POWER OF ATTORNEY:

A Medical Power of Attorney is someone who you trust to make decisions for you. This person will share your instructions with your doctor. They can be your spouse, a parent, an adult child or a friend. This person will only be used if you are unable to make decisions for yourself.

LIVING WILL:

A Living Will states your wishes about the medical care you want. This will only be used if you are unable to make decisions at that time. This paper can be general or it can be detailed. This legal paper helps the doctor know and follow your wishes. If you would like to change any part of these forms you should tell your doctor so that the changes can be made.

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