



**Living Will
and
Durable Power
of
Attorney
for
Health Care**



What is a Living Will?

It's a document you sign which describes what kind of treatment you want if you are in a terminal condition and cannot tell someone your wishes.

What is a Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care?

It is a document that allows you to determine who you want to make decisions for you if you become unable to do so yourself.

Both of these documents are called Advance Directives. In every State you have the right to make health care decisions in advance regarding treatments that extend life and who will make decisions for you if you cannot.

It does not cost anything to draw up these documents and sign them. They may save your loved ones from having to make painful decisions about your care.

Help is Available

The Naval Medical Clinic, Annapolis has a Health Benefits Advisor who can help you complete these forms.

The phone number is (410) 293-2276. Forms are available in Managed Care & Patient Administration.



Advance Directives

Others Can Assist as Well

The Naval Station has a Legal Office to help the enlisted community. The phone number is 293-2588.



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Naval Medical Clinic is an Ambulatory Care facility and not a hospital. Therefore, the clinic does not honor advance directive if a patient has a life-threatening event. If the patient has an emergency while present in the clinic, he will be stabilized and transferred to the closest emergency room for treatment.

The clinic can place a copy of your advance directive (living will) or durable power of attorney in your medical record. However, the original should be kept by a family member or the person named in the directive.

DON'T FLOUNDER AROUND making plans for every contingency from birth to survivor benefits. Let us assist you.