



Advance Healthcare Directive

An advance healthcare directive is a legal document that gives your healthcare providers directions for your medical care. It can relieve your family of the responsibility – and stress – of making difficult decisions for you when you are unable to speak for yourself.

Advance directive documents such as a Durable Power of Attorney for Healthcare and a Healthcare Treatment Directive express your choices about care and allow you to name a spokesperson to make those decisions for you. North Kansas City Hospital complies with advance directives in accordance with state law.

What is a Durable Power of Attorney for Healthcare?

The Durable Power of Attorney for Healthcare is a document that allows you to choose someone who will make your healthcare decisions and follow your choices when you are unable to make them yourself. These decisions include:

- Advocating for your care and treatment
- Withdrawing or withholding life-prolonging procedures when certain conditions specified by you are met

What is a Healthcare Treatment Directive?

A Healthcare Treatment Directive is a document that allows you to outline, in advance, the decisions you want made about your care and treatment, including life-prolonging procedures, should you become unable to communicate. Your healthcare providers will refer to this document – and to your selected spokesperson – for guidance and support of your choices.

*For more information on advance directives,
contact one of our social workers at 816.691.5077.*

