

Advance Care Planning: A Medical Perspective



- What healthcare providers expect from patients
- When Advance Directives do well and how they break down
- The power of POLST forms
- How legal expectations and medical reality conflict
- Community resources for planning
- Misconceptions about documents

Attorneys help people create important documents like Power of Attorney, Advance Directives and Living Wills. However, the reality in a hospital or an Emergency Room can be quite different. Health conditions frequently result in significant grey areas that legal documents cannot anticipate. It's left for families and medical professionals to explore a patient's wishes, intentions and life goals. This free online workshop will discuss issues from a medical perspective. Presenter is Glenda Shepard, ARNP, specializing in Hospice and Palliative Medicine at CHI Franciscan. Ample time for questions will be provided.

Wednesday, June 9, 2021 - 6:30 p.m.

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Workshop discusses health care planning from a medical perspective

Attorneys and social service providers stress the importance of having legal documents in place. Despite our best efforts to prepare living wills, advance directives and powers of attorney, oftentimes in a health care setting these legal documents can fall short.

“[Advance Care Planning: A Medical Perspective](#),” is a free workshop examining how legal documents and preparations can fail to express adequate patient direction. Attorneys involved in creating these important documents typically do not have clinical experience to consider all the contingencies, so it’s vital to understand these issues from a medical perspective.

This presentation will review what healthcare providers expect from patients, community resources for planning and a variety of medical conditions. Advanced registration is required, and participants can sign up using the link below:

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“While we cannot stress enough the need for critical legal documents, there is so much more to it,” said Aaron Van Valkenburg, Pierce County Aging and Disability Resources manager. “It is advantageous for individuals to consider their wishes - from both a legal and a medical point of view. Their healthcare provider can be a helpful resource.”

These legal documents are valuable, but they do have limitations. Many medical conditions do not fit easily into specific categories, leaving patients (if they are able), spouses, children and other family members to explain what a person’s true intentions and wishes would be under current circumstances.

“Advance Care Planning: A Medical Perspective,” will be presented by Glenda Shepard, ARNP, who specializes in hospice and palliative medicine at CHI Franciscan. She graduated with honors from Seattle Pacific University in 2011 and has more than ten years of clinical experience. The event is open to the public and residents of all ages are welcome. Advance registration is required either online or by calling the [Aging and Disability Resource Center \(ADRC\)](#) at 253-798-4600.

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