



# CARTI Advanced Directive Notice to Patients

Advance directives are legal documents that explain how you want medical decisions to be made when you are unable to speak for yourself. These documents tell your family, caregivers and medical professionals what kind of health care you want to receive and who you want to make decisions on your behalf.

Advance directives can be recorded in two ways – through a health care proxy, also known as a durable power of attorney, and/or through a living will.

If you would like more information regarding advance directives for health care, please refer to the document titled “Advance Directives”. You may also contact your local Department of Health or Agency on Aging for more information.

It is CARTI's policy to honor a patient's health care decisions to the full extent required or allowed by law. **Please note, you are not required to have a form of advance directive on file in order to receive care at CARTI.**

**Please initial beside your response and sign below:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I have a living will or health care proxy. As such, I understand that it is my responsibility to provide this documentation to CARTI, and if my wishes change, it is my responsibility to inform CARTI as soon as possible.

A copy of the document will be placed in your medical chart to ensure your wishes are communicated to and honored by our medical team.

\_\_\_\_\_ No, I do not have a living will or health care proxy, but CARTI has provided me with information about advanced directives.

\_\_\_\_\_ No, I do not have a living will or health care proxy and do not wish to discuss at this time.

**I have received information from CARTI regarding advanced directives. I understand that CARTI is not making any recommendations regarding advance directives.**

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**PRINTED NAME**

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**SIGNATURE OF PATIENT OR GUARDIAN (RELATIONSHIP TO PATIENT)**

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**DATE**