

Key Conversations with a Health Care Power of Attorney



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We would like to share a summary of a document our care managers developed to give to clients and families to stimulate conversation between them so agents can meaningfully carry out the client's wishes.

Your Current Health

Do you have medical problems? If so, do they affect your day to day functioning? How?

Independence

If your abilities decline and you require help from others, would that be agreeable to you?

Religious Beliefs

Do you have religious beliefs that affect your attitudes toward your care?

Life Sustaining Treatments

Might you want these treatments and under what conditions might you **not** want these treatments? *For a list of life sustaining treatments, please reply to this email.*

Hospitalization

Under what circumstances do you think that you would want to be hospitalized? Not hospitalized?

Pain Management

Do you wish to have your doctor give you enough medicine to relieve pain even if that means you would be drowsy or have other side effects?

Final Decisions

Who should make any final decisions, your doctor or your health care agent? How should other members of your family, your friends, or clergy be involved?

"Code" or "No Code"

What do you want done if you stop breathing and have no heartbeat?

Dying Process

What would comfort you if you are seriously ill and dying? What else do you want your health care agent to know about this?

Organ Donation

Might you want to donate parts of your body to someone else at the time of your death?

Funeral

What do you think about cremation versus burial? Would you want a death notice to include a suggested charity for donations in your name? Is there someone you'd like to have speak at a funeral or memorial service?

For the complete document "Suggested Topics to Discuss with Your Power of Attorney for Health Care" please call Sarah Gilbert at 414-963-2600 or reply to this email.

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