

MY WISHES REGARDING MEDICAL CARE

Though it may be a difficult conversation, it is important to discuss your medical care concerns with your physician and family. Consider writing down the extent of care you want under specific circumstances so that your wishes are known. Below are some examples of scenarios to consider.

If you become unable to make decisions, how do you wish to be treated for the following conditions?

- Vegetative state/coma
- Stroke/paralyzed
- Dementia
- Brain injury
- Bed dependent

In addition to the above, your wishes regarding the items listed below should also be made known. Check the box that most closely expresses your feelings.

	Not Important	Important	Very Important
My family should make health care decisions on my behalf.			
My pain should be minimized, even if my life could be shortened.			
Even if I am in pain, I want to be awake/alert.			
I want my clergy by my side.			
I want my family by my side.			
I want to die at home.			
I want to be kept alive until my family can see me, even if I am unconscious.			