

Possible Directives for the Special Directives or Limitations section of the Living Will, Medical Power of Attorney, or combined form

The following are examples of directions persons could write in their living will, medical power of attorney, or combined medical power of attorney-living will form. One or more of these directions should only be used if they represent the wishes of the person completing the form. The person completing the form should also discuss their wishes with the persons they name to be their medical power of attorney representatives.

- I want to receive as much pain medicine as is necessary to effectively relieve my pain, even if the pain medicine unintentionally hastens the moment of my death.
- If I am in a coma or some other condition in which I am not aware of myself or others, I do not want my life prolonged with any form of life support including breathing machines, feeding tubes, CPR, or dialysis.
- If I have Alzheimer's disease or some other form of dementia in which I do not know who I am or where I am and I can no longer feed or take care of myself, I do not want to be kept alive with life support including breathing machines, feeding tubes, CPR, or dialysis.
- I want my wishes to be followed just as stated in my Living Will and Medical Power of Attorney even if my Medical Power of Attorney representative disagrees with them. I do not grant leeway to my Medical Power of Attorney representative to ask for other than what I have indicated I want.
- I trust the person I have named as my Medical Power of Attorney representative. I want the decisions of this person to be followed even if these decisions conflict with wishes I have expressed. I want him or her to do what he/she thinks is best for me.
- I want medical treatments so that I can live as long as possible, even if I have to be put on a breathing machine, have a feeding tube inserted, and undergo other treatments that may also cause pain and suffering.
- I want to avoid pain and suffering and to be kept as comfortable as possible. I prefer not to be put on machines or have a feeding tube even if it means that I will not live as long.
- I want my representative to be absolutely certain that I am not going to get better before telling the doctor to stop life support and let me go.
- I want my representative to tell the doctor to stop life-prolonging treatments and just keep me comfortable if there is only a small chance (less than 50%) that I will get better with the treatments.