

Advanced Directive Resources

Resources for Advanced Directives

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for End –Stage Renal Disease Facilities, **Conditions for Coverage**, 494.70 (6) states that patients “be informed about his or her right to execute advance directives, and the facility’s policy regarding advance directives...” The ESRD Interpretive Guidelines, V457 further explains the facility’s role in helping patients prepare advance directives.

Staff can provide information that may help patients understand that by choosing to complete advance directives regarding their health care choices, they can have peace of mind that their wishes will be upheld and that their family and physicians will understand their choices for end of life care. The following resources may be helpful in educating patients about advance directives.

The Renal Network

Resources and contact information for state specific guidelines regarding how to set-up a durable power of attorney for health care and/or living wills http://www.therenalnetwork.org/services/advanced_directives.php.
317-257-8265

Aging With Dignity

This organization offers a booklet called “5 Wishes” that can help patients decide what should be included in an advanced directive care plan.

www.agingwithdignity.org

888-594-7437

American Association of Kidney Patients (AAKP)

Article entitled “Who Needs an Advance Health Care Directive”

<http://www.aakp.org/newsletters/Renalife-Magazine/Renalife-Articles/Advance-Health-Care-Directive/index.cfm>

800-749-2257

Caring Connections

Advance directive for downloading by state and other end-of-life information

www.caringinfo.org

Kidney End of Life Coalition

This organization is dedicated to end of life care for kidney patients

www.kidneyeol.org

National Kidney Foundation

Provides information that is easy to understand and includes discussion questions and important points about advance directives.

<http://www.kidney.org/Atoz/atozItem.cfm?id=21>

Mid-Atlantic Renal Coalition

End-of-Life Resources: Advance Care Planning Brochure for Patients and Their Families with ordering information.

<http://www.esrdnet5.org/resources.asp>

804-794-3757

National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization

This association of hospices and hospice workers provides information on living wills and on choosing a hospice or palliative care provider.

www.nhpco.org

800-658-8898

Medicare

Medicare Hospice Benefits

<http://www.medicare.gov/Publications/Pubs/pdf/02154.pdf>



The Renal Network, Inc., Patient Services Department
Kathi Niccum, EdD, Patient Services Director (kniccum@nw10.esrd.net)
Jesse Grant, MSW, LCSW, Patient Services Coordinator (jgrant@nw10.esrd.net)
Arlene Weinberg, MA/LSW, Patient Services Coordinator (aweinberg@nw10.esrd.net)
Katie Stark, Patient Services Operational Coordinator (kstark@nw10.esrd.net)
911 E. 86th Street, Suite 202, Indianapolis, IN 46220
317-257-8265 (Phone) 317-257-8291 (Fax)
www.therenalnetwork.org www.kidneypatientnews.org