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Editor Note on Advance Care Planning

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Description

Advance care planning is a process that enables individuals to make plans about their future health care and also involves making decisions about future care with your health and social care professionals. It involves Standard of Care, legal documents, medical orders.

Standard of care: this care involves providers, who will do anything that can save one's life and it is provided automatically when people cannot make or communicate about what they want in their life. Legal documents: By using these, one can allow someone to make health care decisions for you. Medical orders: these are created and signed by health care providers and give specific medical treatment orders to other providers based on your wishes.

The communication can be done in two methods which include:

The appointment of a substitute decision maker (surrogate decision maker): A substitute decision maker has the capacity to make decisions or to communicate with the individual and make decisions on behalf of him.

The completion of an advance care directive or similar document: It is an individual health care document which involves individual's life goals and personal values.

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