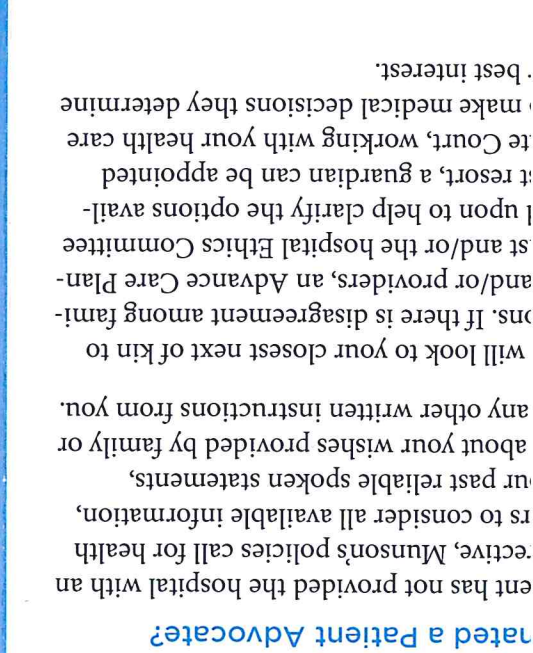




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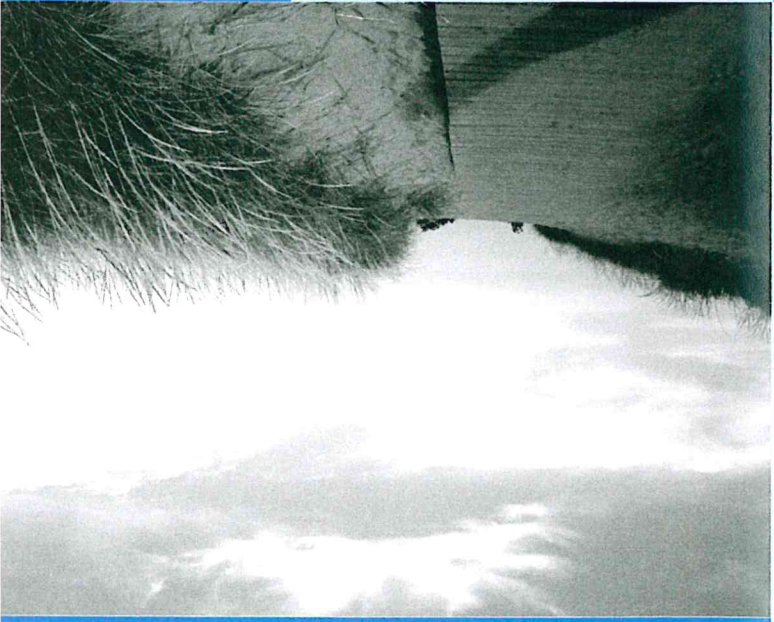


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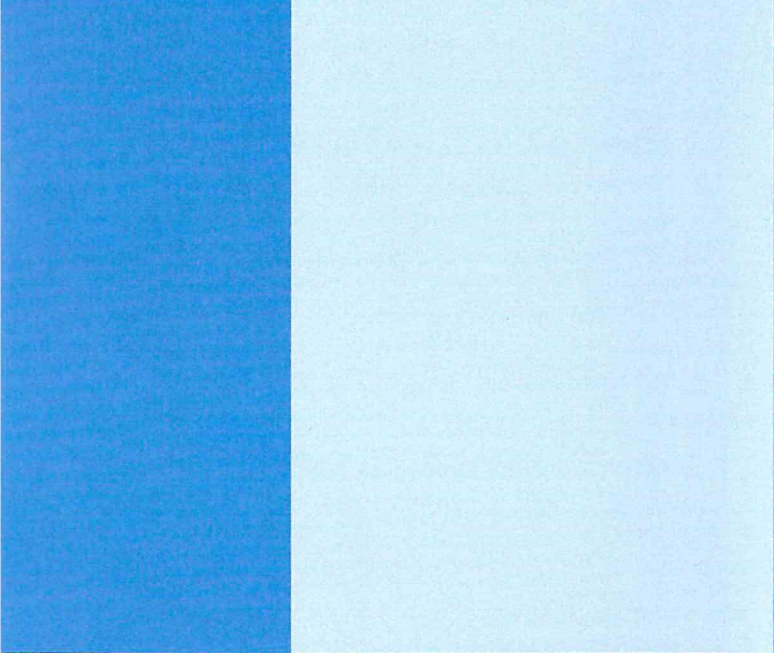
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MAKING YOUR WISHES KNOWN

Munson Medical Center
 Advance Care Planning



Making Your Wishes Known

Services:

- Choosing a health care agent
- Conversations with loved ones
- Exploring the issues
- Assistance in completing your form
- Managing copies of your wishes

For assistance with any part of this process, please contact Advance Care Planning at (231) 935-6176 or advancecareplanning@mhc.net

This brochure explains your rights under Michigan law to make health care decisions and tells you how, under Munson Healthcare policies, to continue to exercise this right if you become unable to participate in treatment decisions.

How will treatment decisions be made if I am unable to tell my health care providers what I want?

It is Munson's policy to respect your decisions about the kind of medical treatment you do or do not want within the limits of the law and the practice of medicine.

You have the right to decide ahead of time about the type of medical care you want or don't want in the event that you are unable to make decisions yourself. This is when your Advance Directive will be consulted by health care workers. By expressing your choices in advance, you guide your loved ones in making difficult decisions for you.

What is an Advance Directive?

It is a document in which you select someone to make medical decisions for you, using your values and judgment, if you are ever unable to speak for yourself. This is the legal standard for the State of Michigan.

A Living Will is a document that allows you to indicate some of the end of life decisions you would or would not want in certain situations. On its own, it does not meet the legal standard for the State of Michigan.

The document distributed by Munson is a combination document that is first and foremost an Advance Directive but also includes a living will section. It meets all of the legal requirements for the State of Michigan.

Choosing a Health Care Agent or Patient Advocate

It is important to think about the traits you are looking for in an agent. You want to select someone who knows you well, someone with whom you feel comfortable discussing these topics, and someone who can be strong in a stressful time. Most importantly, you want to choose someone who is willing to speak your wishes and values when you can't tell them to your health care providers yourself.

How can I make sure my wishes will be followed?

There are three simple steps to follow to ensure that your wishes are honored:

1. Give serious thought to the issues.
2. Discuss them with your loved ones and the person you choose to be your health care agent.
3. Complete the Advance Directive. Have two people who will not inherit from you or are not employees of a health care facility witness your signature to the document. Have your health care agent (patient advocate) read the "acceptance by health care agent" statement and sign their willingness to provide this service.

What should I do with my complete Advance Directive?

We recommend that you keep the original, copy to your health care agent or patient and send copy to your health care provider and send Munson's Medical Records.

How will the hospital know if I have an Advance Directive?

Munson will ask you upon admission to the hospital if you have an Advance Directive. If you give us a copy of your medical document, we will file that document in your medical record.

What if I execute an Advance Directive but change my mind?

You may revoke your Advance Directive at any time. If you have given Munson a copy of your document, please notify us of any changes by sending a copy of your updated version of your wishes to our medical department. Please notify us if you have a current document without replacing it.

