

APPOINTMENT OF MEDICAL TREATMENT DECISION MAKER

The Appointment of Medical Treatment Decision Maker document allows you to appoint someone to make medical decisions on your behalf in the event that you are unable to do so.

If you are unable to make medical decisions, your medical practitioner will need to obtain the consent of your Medical Decision Maker prior to providing any medical treatment to you.

The person you appoint as your Medical Decision Maker is obliged to make decisions in respect to your medical treatment that they would think you would make in respect to your medical treatment if you were able to do so yourself.

To provide your Medical Decision Maker with guidance, you may give consideration to putting in place an Advance Care Directive which lists your preferences for medical treatments, specifically listing those treatments that you consent to and those that you do not consent to.

If you have an Advance Care Directive in place the medical practitioner will follow this in respect to your wishes and ensure that the treatment provided to you is in accordance with the instructions provided in your Advance Care Directive.

By putting in place an Appointment of Medical Treatment Decision Maker and Advance Care Directive they will provide you with peace of mind that if you are no longer able to make your own medical decisions, the person whom you trust to make them on your behalf is the person who will make such medical decisions for you and follow your wishes and instructions provided in the Advance Care Directive.

If you would like further information about putting these documents in place, please contact our office.

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