

MEDICAL SITUATIONS & TREATMENT

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This worksheet presents possible treatment plans for a variety of common medical situations. You may use these examples to discuss your views with your health care agent and others, or you may write down your choices as a help to your agent and health care team. (If you fill out this worksheet and want it to be part of your Advance Directive, sign it in the presence of witnesses and attach it to your Advance Directive form.)

Possible Treatment Plans:

- A. I would want all possible efforts to preserve life as long as possible.
- B. I would hope to survive, but would not want excessively burdensome treatment or treatment that has an extremely low chance of working.
- C. I would want comfort care only and would not want medical treatment, including tube feeding, to prolong my life.
- D. My agent should consider the possible benefits and burdens of disease-fighting treatment and consent only to treatment that he or she believes is in my best interests, as we have discussed them. My agent may refuse any active treatment or may consent to a trial of treatment and then stop treatment if it is not beneficial.

Possible Medical Situations:

1. Suppose you are dying. You are unconscious and death is expected soon, with or without treatment. What treatment plan would you want? (Select from A–D above, or write your own.)

2. Suppose you are permanently unconscious from an accident or severe illness. There is no reasonable hope of recovering awareness, but life support could keep your body alive for years. (This is called "persistent vegetative state.") What treatment plan would you want?

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3.	Suppose you are in a state of advanced loss of mental capability, due perhaps to stroke or Alzheimer's disease. You
	cannot recognize or communicate with those close to you and can do almost nothing for yourself. You could survive
	in this state for some time with medical treatment. What treatment plan would you want?

4. Suppose you are frail, chronically ill, and uncomfortable, with a limited range of activities available to you. Then you become unconscious, at least temporarily, due to an acute illness. The illness is likely to be fatal unless vigorously treated in a hospital, but even intensive care offers only a small chance of recovery to your former condition. It's much more likely that you will end up worse off than before. What treatment plan would you want?

5. Suppose you unexpectedly suffer a serious injury or illness. You have less than a 5 percent chance of good recovery and, if you survive, will have serious brain damage. What treatment plan would you want?