

# Advance Directive

You and your doctor talk about your test results, medications and other important health care matters. If you were unable to talk with your doctor due to a sudden illness or accident, would your doctor know your future health care wishes? Do those closest to you know your wishes? We can help you start these conversations with your doctor and those close to you.

## Why complete an Advance Directive?

- Wisconsin is not a next of kin state, meaning family members are not automatically granted the right to make health care decisions for you.
- Without one, your family may need to go through the legal/court system for a legal guardian. This can be costly, time-consuming and stressful.
- It will give you and your family peace of mind.

## What is an Advance Directive?

- It is a legal document.
- You can name who you want to make your health care decisions for you when you are unable to do so.
- You can write down your health care wishes so your doctors and family know your wishes.



## How do I get started?

- Our Patient and Family Services Department is here to help. Call 608-930-7200 extension 3350 or 3351 to get your questions answered or to schedule an appointment (no cost to you).

The person(s) you are thinking of naming as your health care agent(s) is welcome to join us.

