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"Why Your Advance Directive Could Fail"

TOP TEN REASONS FOR FAILURE



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1. **Copy of AD not provided** to family or medical team
2. **Others are unaware** AD was ever completed or where it is
3. **Surrogate unaware** they were chosen
4. **Surrogate unavailable** when needed
5. **Surrogate is not qualified** to make the decisions, so staff will not follow them
6. **Surrogate refuses to follow** the directive
7. **Pt never had meaningful conversations** with the surrogate, family or doctor about their values and treatment goals
8. **Pt preferences changed** through the years, but they never updated their AD
9. **Family members disagree** on what is "best" care, so conflicts arise
10. **Ad is hard to interpret** because of vague, subjective or boilerplate terms like:

Heroic Measures -- Quality of Life -- No Hope of Recovery

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