

"MY LIFE, MY DEATH, MY CHOICE"

FINAL EXIT NETWORK PRESENTATION

You're Suing Me <u>BECAUSE</u> I Kept Your Mom Alive? A Discussion of Wrongful Prolongation of Life Lawsuits

TOP TEN TAKEAWAYS

1. Know your rights as a patient and healthcare surrogate or HC-POA.

2. Doctors no longer have blanket immunity from liability when they don't follow your AD or legal surrogate.

3. Medical staff must honor your legal AD unless they have a conscientious objection.

4. If staff or a facility refuses to treat you, they MUST notify you or your surrogate and help you transfer to a facility that will treat.



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5. Create an AD using explicit language about treatment choices and EOL goals. It's the best way to get the treatment you want.

6. Video your AD so people can hear your voice, understand your wishes, and see you had the decisional capacity at the time.

7. Choose an effective surrogate who will fight to follow your wishes.

8. Surrogates should always carry the AD & HC-POA when advocating for you.

9. Call FEN's Surrogate Consultant if you need help!

10. FEN's lawyer is available pro bono to help members.

Your best resource for EOL planning, education, and guidance is the **Final Exit Network**

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