

**ADVANCE DIRECTIVE
Treatment Choices**

Treatment or Procedure	If I am unable to speak for myself, the following represent my medical care choices.		
Choice	Want	Do not want	Don't know
Advanced Cardiac Life Support			
Antibiotics			
Artificial Hydration *			
Artificial Nutrition *			
Blood Transfusions			
Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)			
Kidney Dialysis			
Pain Medication			
Respirator			
Surgery – Major			
Surgery – Minor			
Tests – Major			
Tests – Minor			

* By law, refusal of artificial hydration and nutrition is not honored in some states

Additional comments: _____

The above are my choices as of this date.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Witness: _____ Date: _____

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Treatment Choices – Definitions

Advanced Cardiac Life Support: Emergency medical procedures such as tube into mouth and nose to assist in breathing, medications into the vein or heart and/or electrical stimulation of the heart muscle.

Antibiotics: Providing medications to fight infection.

Artificial Hydration: Providing fluids through a tube into the vein, nose or stomach (refusal of artificial hydration is honored in Nebraska, but may not be in some states).

Artificial Nutrition: Providing nutrition through a tube into the vein, nose or stomach (refusal of artificial nutrition is honored in Nebraska, but may not be in some states).

Blood Transfusions: Providing blood through a tube into the vein.

Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR): Emergency medical procedures such as manual compression of the chest to stimulate the heart and/or providing air into the lungs.

Kidney Dialysis: Cleansing the blood by machine.

Pain Medication: Providing medication to maintain comfort even if it may lead to reduced consciousness and/or shorten life.

Respirator: Use of a mechanical device to assist breathing.

Surgery – Major: Procedure such as opening the abdomen or chest to correct a problem.

Surgery – Minor: Procedure such as removal of diseased tissue from the surface of the body.

Tests – Major: Procedure such as using a tube to look into a body cavity.

Tests – Minor: Procedure such as a x-ray or blood test.