



# Advance Directive Rights Notice

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*Loma Linda University Medical Center (“LLUMC”) is committed to protecting and promoting each patient’s rights. As part of this commitment to your rights, you should be aware of the following:*

1. You have the right to formulate advance directives and to have LLUMC staff and practitioners who provide care in the hospital comply with these directives.
2. What is an advance directive? It is the best way to make sure that your health care wishes are known and considered if for any reason you are unable to speak for yourself.
  - You may appoint another person to be your health care “agent”. This person (who may also be known as your “attorney-in-fact”) will have legal authority to make decisions about your medical care if you become unable to make these decisions for yourself.
  - You may write down your health care wishes in the Advance Health Care Directive form – for example, a desire to not receive treatment that only prolongs the dying process if you are terminally ill. Your doctor and your agent must follow your lawful instructions.
  - The Advance Health Care Directive form allows you to express your wishes about organ and tissue donation.
3. You have the right to make medical care decisions, including the right to accept or refuse medical or surgical treatment.
4. You have the right to designate a decision maker if you become incapable of understanding a proposed treatment or become unable to communicate your wishes regarding care.
5. You are not required to have an advance directive in order to receive medical treatment at LLUMC. However, if you do have an advance directive (e.g., durable power of attorney for health care, an advance health care directive, or a living will document), you should provide a copy to staff at LLUMC. The applicable document will be part of your medical record.
6. LLUMC staff and practitioners who provide care in the hospital will comply with these directives. All patients’ rights apply to the person who has legal responsibility to make decisions regarding medical care on your behalf.
7. LLUMC staff is required to provide this Advance Directive Rights Notice to inpatients and some outpatients (e.g., outpatients that are in the emergency department, patients in observation status, or patients who are undergoing same-day surgery).

*This Patient Rights document incorporates the requirements of The Joint Commission, Title 22, California Code of Regulations, Section 70707; Health and Safety Code Sections 1262.6, 1288.4, and 124960; and 42 C.F.R. Section 482.13 (Medicare Conditions of Participation).*