

Advance Health Care Directive Registry

The Advance Health Care Directive Registry is a tool that you can use to store important documents that protect your legal rights and make sure that your medical wishes are known if you are incapacitated and not able to manage your own medical care. The registry allows residents of Virginia to store their Advance Health Care Directive, Health Care Power of Attorney, Declaration of Anatomical Gift and other similar documents. The information can then be used by medical providers, emergency responders, and family members to honor your wishes.

An Advance Directive lets people know what types of care you do and do not want if you are not able to express your wishes yourself. When you plan for your care in advance, family members are relieved of the burden of making many of the most important medical decisions for you.

You can learn more about the Advance Health Care Directive Registry at <https://www.virginiaregistry.org> , or you can use the link to the registry at the Virginia Department of Health's website (<http://www.vdh.virginia.gov>). All information is kept completely confidential.