

Advanced Directives

An “Advanced Directive” is a written document that speaks for you in the event that you cannot speak for yourself, as a result of illness or injury.

This is your opportunity to give “directions in advance” so that your wishes are clear to family members and medical professionals who may be taking care of you. Your advanced statement clarifies your wishes relating to an “irreversible or end-of-life condition.” Among other things, it makes clear your wishes regarding life-prolonging treatments, whether to provide them or withhold them.

There are three types of Advanced Directives and these vary by state. For information specific to New Jersey, The Overlook Hospital Web site offers helpful information. To learn more, visit the Overlook Hospital Web site, or click on the link below to straight to the page on Advanced Directives.

<http://www.overlookhospital.org/en/overlook/patients/for+patients/advance+directives.html>