

Advance Directives

Why Do We Care About ADs?

- Reduces unwanted hospitalizations at least once during last six months of life in 72% of the people
- Reduces costs of care in last two years of life on average by \$79,000
- Reduces inpatient days in last two years of life by 16.7 days
- Reduces hospital deaths by 25%
- Reduces percent of decedents seeing 10 or more different physicians during the last 6 months of life by 42%
- Reduces percent of decedents spending 7 or more days in the ICU during last 6 months of life by 15%
- Reduces percent of decedents admitted to ICU in which death occurred by 18.5%

Most Importantly....

An advance directive gives
the patient **control** over
their healthcare and
quality of life.

It gives them choices!



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Advanced Directives "AD" is now in the "Special Indicators" section of Meditech patient summary screen

Special Indicator	Last Edited By	Last Edit Dt/Tm
AD	Lisee,Janice B	10/07/15 11:14
VRE	Lisee,Janice B	10/07/15 11:14

Summary Section in the EMR

4200-A PCS,GroupB 01/01/2013 2y 9m M2100003

ICU 2401-A PCS,Ledwell 01/01/1985 30 M2100001

Result Diagrams 09/05/14 11:02 09/05/14 11:02

Isolation Droplet-Special

Special Indicators AD VRE

Registration Date/Time 08/15/14 14:14

Attending Provider Bui,Jeffrey

Primary Care Provider Training,Phys2

Account Number A700000028

Admit Diagnosis Gluteal Pain

Admitting Provider Donelson,Andrew

Physician List View on their Patient List

Issue:

Patients think that the hospital automatically has their Advance Directive if they have shared it with their primary care physician.

Recommendation:

Sending the Advance Directive to FMH Health Information Management (Medical Records) for filing in Meditech should be part of the office workflow for the FIHN physicians. This way any health care provider is aware of the document and patient's wishes are honored.

How to relay a patient's Advanced Directive information to FMH for clinicians to view in the patient's record

- Fax to FMH Medical Records: 240-566-3619
- Email a scanned copy to: #FMHHIM-Analysts@FMH.org and #FMHHIM-Clerk@FMH.org
- FMH intraoffice mail
- US postal service mail to:
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