



What is Advance Care Planning?

Advance care planning is about health care team members meeting with you and your family to discuss what kind of care you would and would not want if you became very sick. Advance care planning is care customized to reflect your personal preferences and health needs, as well as meet your social, cultural and religious requirements.

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"It's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years."

- Abraham Lincoln

Being hospitalized with an advanced illness can be difficult and confusing. You and your family may have questions about your illness and the choices you must make. To help you and your loved ones during this crucial time, Hawai'i Pacific Health offers the support of its skilled Advance Care Planning Team. We are a specially trained group of willing, competent, patient-centered clinicians that take the time when those decisions need to be made and ask the questions needed to make informed, patient-centered decisions. That is what makes the difference.



"Doing your best at this moment puts you in the best place for the next moment."



How will Advance Care Planning help?

Advance Care Planning is tailored to the needs of each patient and his or her family. We recognize that your goals of care and quality of life may change over time. Patients who talk to their families and physicians about their preferences:

- have less fear and anxiety
- feel they had more ability to influence and direct their medical care
- believe that their physicians have a better understanding of their wishes
- report strengthened relationships with family and friends

When is the right time for Advance Care Planning?

Advance care planning helps you through all stages of illness. It is best introduced early in your care and is an ongoing process of respecting the choices that you make for yourself.

How can I start my Advance Care Planning?

Understanding your wishes can provide comfort and peace of mind for you and your loved ones, but it is up to you to take the initiative and start the conversations about your wishes. If you would like more information about advance care planning please discuss with your doctor about how to get started.