

Advance Decision

Registration of an Advance Decision

- Make an appointment with your GP, advising the receptionist that an Advance Decision is to be discussed.
- Bring the original document, together with identification for each patient, containing a signature - a driving license, passport or credit card.

Patient Responsibilities

- Maintain your original documents.
- Re-affirm that the Advance Decision is still valid on a regular basis in writing—annually is recommended.
- Ensure that your family, carers or health and social care professionals are aware of the decision.

Advance Decision: Information for Patients



Moretonhampstead Health Centre

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The Administration Team

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Advance Decisions (sometimes called Living Wills) are generally instructions provided by a patient relating to a condition that may arise in the future.

This patient guide will explain how the practice will deal with an Advance Decision and what the patient's responsibilities are. It is not a legal guide, nor is the information provided necessarily complete or binding in all circumstances.

Practice Policy

- The practice abides by the British Medical Association (BMA) and other legal guidelines for advance decisions.
- Each request from a patient will be considered by the patient's own GP.
- Appropriate advice will be offered relating to the consequences of the request.

Practice Policy (Contd.)

- The practice generally supports the principle of patient choice in the provision of treatment and will take the decision into account in its provision of treatment.

What the Practice Will Do

Your GP will discuss the clinical implications of your decision, bearing in mind your individual health situation, to ensure that you fully understand the nature of your request. Your GP may ask you about your Advance Decision in the future if you come for a consultation.

We will make copies of your documents. The originals will be returned to you. Our medical records will be updated with an image of your documents and an alert placed on your record which will be seen each time your record is opened.

We will provide details to other health professionals involved with your treatment as needed, e.g. where a hospital or other referral is necessary.