WHY DOES MY FAMILY NEED ONE?

- The medical system becomes difficult, rather than helpful, as the patient approaches death.
WHAT IS THIS DOCUMENT?

- The patient determines the course of medical treatment while still competent.
- Places the patient's medical decisions in the hands of another.
- Allows crucial medical decisions to be made when the patient cannot do so.
- Enables end of life decisions to avoid prolonged suffering.

TO WHOM SHOULD THIS POWER BE GIVEN

- To someone the patient trusts and respects.
- To someone who, however hard it is, will HONOR the patient's wishes.
KEY PROVISIONS

• Article One (3) - to withhold medical treatment.
• Article Two - to make organ donations.
• Article Three - to release liability for medical professionals.
• Part B - health care instructions.

KEY TAKEAWAYS

• Have the discussion.
• Do not wait to have this discussion