

Resources and Tools

The following is a targeted and very short list of resources and tools specifically focused on advance directives. At the end we direct you to one US-based physician-run organization that provides training in communication skills.

Tools from *Respecting Your Choices*

Respecting Your Choices Training Manual (1994,1996) edited by Bernard Hammes, with contributions from Bernard Hammes, PhD, Rev. Carol Garman, Nickijo Hager, Elaine Colvin, Dan Felten and Gale Kreibich and published by Lutheran Hospital- LaCrosse.

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Documents from the Training Manual, available here:

[Protocol for Unit Nurses: Asking Patients about Advance Directives](#)

[Lutheran Hospital-La Crosse Policy-Procedure Manual](#)

[Respecting Your Choices Advance Directives Record:](#)

This is a one page education record that allows staff to track when the advance directive is entered or removed from folder, as well as what materials have been given to patients.

Resources and Tools Available on Other Websites:

A number of other websites offer excellent resources related to advance directives on-line. Most of

these organizations encourage the use of their materials for personal use, but do not allow reproduction for commercial use without express permission.

Source Organization & Home Page	Specific Document or Tool
Aging With Dignity http://www.agingwithdignity.org	Five Wishes: A living will that includes personal, emotional and spiritual wishes of seriously ill persons, valid in 33 states and the District of Columbia.
American Bar Association Network http://www.abanet.org Commission on Legal Problems of the Elderly http://www.abanet.org/aging	Consumer's Toolkit for Health Care Advance Planning http://www.abanet.org/aging/toolkit/home.html
American Medical Association http://www.ama-assn.org/	Shape Your Health Care Future with Health Care Advance Directives. An on-line booklet produced and funded by the American Association of Retired Persons, the American Bar Association Commission on Legal Problems of the Elderly and the American Medical Association. http://www.ama-assn.org/public/booklets/livgwill.htm
Partnership in Caring http://www.partnershipforaging.org/HomePage/	Information about Advance Directives and state-specific documents http://www.partnershipforaging.org/Advance/index.html .

Miscellaneous Resource on Patient-Physician Communication Training

The American Academy on Physician and Patient (AAPP) is committed to the improvement of communication, the doctor-patient relationship, and the practice of medicine through the promotion of teaching and research in medical interviewing and related clinical skills. AAPP offers faculty development courses for physicians and other health care professionals involved in training physicians.

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