

ADVANCE DIRECTIVES

POLICY STATEMENT

It is the policy of Bay of Plenty District Health Board (BOPDHB) that unless there is a compelling reason not to do so all advance directives will be applied as intended by the patient.

An advance directive is the patient's advance use of their right to make a health care choice. It is intended to be effective only when they are not competent.

The BOPDHB recognises that in the broadest sense, advance directives can be any oral or written directive that communicates a choice about many aspects of future possible care.

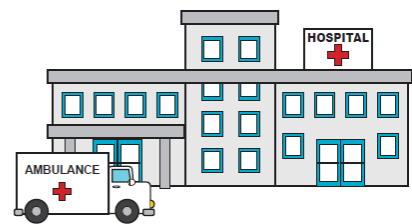
However to facilitate a more seamless approach across patients' healthcare journeys and to make key advance directives (such as decisions about resuscitation) more immediately available to acute hospital staff, BOPDHB supports the use of the following framework:



**Future Care Plan (FCP) /
Advance Care Plan (ACP)
(FCP form / ACP form)**



**Advance Directive
(form)**



Ceiling of Intervention (form)

Future Care Plan/Advance Care Plan (FCP/ACP)

- Across all of a person's healthcare journeys.
- Many pages long.
- Completed over time with GP, carers and family.
- Provides opportunities for person to engage in important conversations about their future and end-of-life healthcare.

Advance Directive (AD) form

- A bridge between FCP/ ACP and COI.
- One page.
- Describe key wishes about resuscitation and life-sustaining interventions.
- GP confirms that a person has health knowledge and is competent to make decisions.
- Can be completed in advance of any hospital admissions, with or without a FCP/ACP.

Ceiling of Intervention (COI) form

- For this hospital admission only.
- One page.
- For adult hospital admissions.
- Completed by medical staff in discussion with patient and/or whanau/ family.
- ADs are very helpful in completing the COI where a patient is not able to make decision or communicate their decision.

REFERENCES

- [Code of Health and Disability Services Consumer's Rights](#)
- [New Zealand Bill of Rights Act](#)

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ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

- Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 6.1.4 protocol 1 Advanced Directive - Standards
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 1.1.1 Informed Consent
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 6.5.1 protocol 1 Alerts – Medical – Allergic Responses, Adverse Reactions and High Risk Issues
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board Form FM.A7.1 Advance Directive
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board Form FM.A11.1 Alert - Medical
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board Form Resuscitation Status Ceiling of Intervention (7447) – *viewable only. Order through Design & Print Centre*
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board My Future Care Plan (8435) – *viewable only. Order through Design & Print Centre*
- My Advance Care Plan

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