

Promotional: Advance Directives

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Requirements:

For successful completion of this educational activity and receipt of 0.5 contact hour(s), the learner must:

1. Participate in 30 minutes of continuous learning.
2. Complete a quiz with a minimum score of 85%.
3. Complete an evaluation form.

Educational activity description:

An advance directive is a legal document in which a person provides instructions about end-of-life care or appoints a person to serve as a decision maker for them in case they are no longer able to make those decisions. It is important that caregivers be knowledgeable of types of advance directives to provide the care that an individual would have chosen, should they no longer be able to communicate these wishes. This learning opportunity is an introductory review of the four types of advance directives.

Target audience:

The target audience for this educational activity is all staff in the long-term care setting. This is an introductory level educational activity.

Learning outcome:

At the completion of this educational activity, the learner will be able to demonstrate knowledge about advance directives by passing a quiz with 85% or greater accuracy.

Learning objectives:

At the completion of this educational activity, the learner will be able to:

1. List two (2) advance directives.
2. Distinguish the differences between the living will and durable power of attorney (DPA) for healthcare.
3. Identify eight (8) considerations when making advance care decisions.

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