

Estate Planning Basics: Living Will

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Living Will Basics

- What is it?
- Why do you want to have one?
- Who should have one?

What decisions should you communicate in your living will?

- Do you want “heroic measures” performed? Define the term.
- If you are pregnant, can you provide guidance on whether your life should be preserved over that of your fetus if the physicians have to make a decision?
- What last wishes do you have?
- What end of life medical care do you want or not want?
- Do you have instructions on burial, internment, final services.

Relationship to Other Documents

- Coordination with health care proxy.
- Coordination with your POLST.
- Relevance of a burial plot deed.
- Coordination with revocable trust.
- Coordination with your financial power of attorney.