

## Advance Care Planning helps:

- **YOU** make treatment decisions that can affect your life.
- **YOUR FAMILY** have peace of mind knowing your decisions.
- **YOUR PHYSICIAN** by providing information about the kind of care you want.

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**PROJECT GRACE** is a nonprofit advance care planning organization that helps individuals and professionals create, communicate and honor future medical care wishes.



Through a variety of education and outreach programs, **Project GRACE** serves individuals, families and professionals

mainly throughout the Tampa Bay area.

Founded in 1999, **Project GRACE's** mission is to *educate* the community about effective advance care planning, *empower* individuals to communicate and implement their medical treatment decisions and *promote* the belief that all persons are entitled to dignified care in the final phase of life.

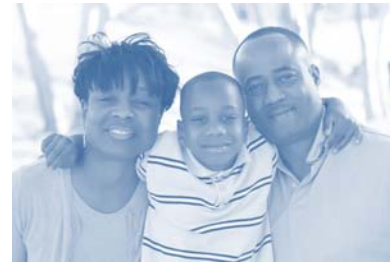
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**What kind of medical care would you want if you were unable to express your wishes?**

## What is advance care planning?


Advance care planning is a thoughtful process to plan for future healthcare choices. It involves personal reflection and discussions with loved ones and healthcare providers.


The best time to think and talk about future medical



decisions is when you are well rather than a time of medical crisis.

Two major components:

 **Living Will**—a legal document that specifies which medical treatments you do or do not wish to have if you are unable to make decisions for yourself

 **Designation of Healthcare Surrogate**—appointing someone to make decisions for you when you are unable to speak for yourself

## Programs & Resources

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- Advance care planning assistance for individuals and families
- *Respecting Choices*® Advance Care Planning Facilitator Certification Program
- Public discussion forums
- Advance directives available free of charge
- Comprehensive continuing education programs for healthcare, legal and faith professional (contact hours for nurses & social workers)
- Community and corporate presentations (healthcare facilities, churches, lunch & learns)
- Resource library

**Your wishes matter.**

