

MISSION

A world free of cancer

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To lead in transformative cancer care, research and education through courage, commitment and compassion

APPOINTMENT OF PATIENT ADVOCATE FOR HEALTH CARE



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WHO DECIDES WHAT TREATMENT I WILL GET?

As long as you are competent (have the ability to understand your medical condition), you are the only person who can decide what medical treatment to accept or reject. You will be given information and advice about the pros and cons of different kinds of treatment and have an opportunity to ask questions about your options.

WHAT CAN I DO NOW TO ENSURE THAT MY WISHES ARE HONORED IN THE FUTURE?

The Michigan Legislature has authorized the creation of a Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care in our state. By creating a Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care, you appoint another individual (your patient advocate) to make decisions concerning your care, custody, medical and mental health treatment if you are unable to participate in treatment decisions. The two forms available to appoint your patient advocate are the **Designation of Patient Advocate Form** and the **Five Wishes Form**.

WHO CAN BE MY PATIENT ADVOCATE?

You can choose anyone 18 years of age or older. You can choose a family member, friend or any other person you trust to honor your decisions.

IS THERE A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE TWO AVAILABLE FORMS?

Both forms are legal documents in the state of Michigan and allow you to designate your Patient Advocate. The **Five Wishes Form** allows for additional information for your family and friends including but not limited to the following:



- Specific details about the care you may want
- How you want to be kept comfortable
- How you want people to treat you
- Share what you want your loved ones to know

WHERE CAN I GET A DESIGNATION OF PATIENT ADVOCATE FORM OR THE FIVE WISHES FORM?

Karmanos Cancer Center staff will provide the form to you upon your request. If you are interested in learning more about the forms or completing a **Designation of Patient Advocate** or **Five Wishes Form**, Karmanos social workers are available to assist you. Ask your physician, nurse or other health care worker to contact the Social Work Department or call **(313) 576-9700** and ask to see a social worker.

Treatment decisions are difficult. We encourage you to think about them in advance and discuss them with your family, friends, advisors and caregivers.

You may want to contact the Social Work Department for more information at **(313) 576-9700**.