



Advance Care Directive

Making certified copies of my Advance Care Directive.

The witness can help you make certified copies of your Advance Care Directive at the same time as they witness your original Advance Care Directive Form.

This will be important so that you can give your Substitute Decision-Makers, others close to you, your doctor or other health practitioners, a certified copy of your Advance Care Directive.

You can ask a person from the witness list to certify copies for you at a later time. The person you ask to certify copies of your Advance Care Directive does not have to be independent of you.

There is space on the front of the Advance Care Directive Form for the witness to use when they certify each of the photocopies.

To make decisions for you, your Substitute Decision-Maker must show your doctors, health practitioners or aged care staff an original or certified copy of your Advance Care Directive. This will prove that they have the authority to make these decisions for you when you are unable to make your own.

When your Advance Care Directive is completed and signed by you, your Substitute Decision-Maker (if you have any), and your witness (and interpreter if you have used one), you can make photocopies of your Advance Care Directive. The witness can certify all copies as a true copy of the original.

DAVID'S STORY: David had given an Advance Care Directive that appointed Sally as his Substitute Decision-Maker. When David's Advance Care Directive was witnessed he asked his witness to certify one copy for him to give to Sally. Five years later Sally realised she had lost her certified copy. Sally and David asked David's brother Brian, who met the requirements of an authorised witness, to certify 10 copies of David's Advance Care Directive.