



Attending Physician Certification for End of Life Care

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INSTRUCTIONS:

All Parts of this form must be completed. Type or print in black ink.
Part 9 – Attending Physician must complete, sign and date where indicated.

For SDMC Use Only:

Part 1. Is an Expedited Review necessary?
Part 2. Patient Information
Part 3. Attending Physician
Part 4. Findings

Patient Last Name:

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**Part 5. Request**

a. Based on the patient's medical diagnosis, I request consent to WITHHOLD the following life-sustaining treatment(s). Please provide the exact wording that should be written on the SDMC consent form. (To WITHHOLD treatment means to not initiate or provide treatment.)

DNR Order: Do not attempt Resuscitation  YES  NO

DNI: Do not place a tube down the patient's throat or connect to a breathing machine that pumps air into and out of lungs.  YES  NO

Withhold future hospitalizations unless pain or severe symptoms cannot otherwise be controlled  YES  NO

Withhold Antibiotics  YES  NO

Withhold Vasopressors to support blood pressure  YES  NO

Please list any additional life-sustaining treatment that should be withheld:

Based on the patient's medical diagnosis, I request consent to WITHDRAW the following life-sustaining treatment(s). Please provide the exact wording that should be written on the SDMC consent form. (To WITHDRAW treatment means to stop or remove treatment.)

Withdraw Mechanical Ventilation  YES  NO

Withdraw Antibiotics  YES  NO

Withdraw Vasopressors to support blood pressure  YES  NO

Please list any additional life-sustaining treatment that should be withdrawn:

b. I find that the life-sustaining treatment(s) listed above would impose an EXTRAORDINARY BURDEN on the patient in light of the patient's medical condition. (Please describe the EXTRAORDINARY BURDEN the above life-sustaining treatments pose to the patient. If available, list any test or supporting information that confirm your findings. Include copies of medical records, progress notes, consultations or other relevant reports.)

c. Is this a request to WITHHOLD  or WITHDRAW  life-sustaining artificially provided nutrition  NO – proceed to 5e or hydration for the patient?

If YES, I find to a reasonable degree of medical certainty that:

There is no hope of maintaining life; or

The artificially provided nutrition or hydration would impose an extraordinary burden on the patient.

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d. If reasons to withhold and/or withdraw life sustaining artificially provided nutrition differ from 5b above, describe the **EXTRAORDINARY BURDEN** of providing artificial hydration or nutrition to the patient, and any diagnostic testing/examinations that confirm this recommendation. Include copies of reports.

e. Do you anticipate a Hospice admission?  
If YES, include the hospice evaluation with the submission of this form, if available.



YES



NO

**Part 6. Expected Outcome**

Describe the expected outcome of providing or continuing life-sustaining treatment(s) to the patient and, if available, list any tests or information that confirms these findings. Include copies of medical records, progress notes, consults or other relevant reports.

I do not anticipate a good outcome from continuing the LST. CPR would be futile and he would require continuous ventilator support and vasopressors.

**Part 7. Justification**

In my clinical opinion, the proposed withholding or withdrawal of treatment is in the best interest of the patient for the following reasons:

Mr. Case would require prolonged support if an attempt at resuscitation were made. He would need to be restrained in an unfamiliar setting if ventilator support were to be continued.

**Part 8. Alternatives**

Is there an alternate procedure available to this patient that will preserve, improve or restore the patient's health?



YES



NO

If YES, state the procedure.

Please explain the rejection of this alternate procedure.

**Part 9. Attestation**

The above information and statements are given to the best of my knowledge, complete and truthful.

Signature of Attending Physician.

*Casey Shepherd MD*

Date:

09/22/2016