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NEW BRUNSWICK

**Enduring Power
of Attorney for
Personal Care and
Health Care Directive**

A.NOTES

- A1** If you previously completed an “Advance Health Care Directive” that appointed a “health proxy” under the now repealed *Advance Health Care Directives Act* prior to July 1, 2020, it is considered to be an “Enduring Power of Attorney,” which appoints a “Power of Attorney for Personal Care” – with authority regarding health care decisions and a Health Care Directive under the new legislation.
- A2** “Enduring Power of Attorney for Personal Care” = Advance Directive
- A3** You (the “Grantor”) must:
- Understand the information relevant to decisions and the reasonably foreseeable consequences of these decisions
- A4** “Attorney for Personal Care” = Substitute Decision-Maker
- A5** An Attorney for Personal Care must:
- Be **19** years of age or older
 - **NOT** provide you with paid health care services or support services, unless they are your spouse, common-law partner or relative
 - **NOT** be convicted of an offence involving dishonesty, unless you state that you are aware of the conviction
 - Agree to be your Attorney for Personal Care
- A6** You must sign your Enduring Power of Attorney for Personal Care in the presence of **TWO** witnesses.
- A7** If you cannot complete and sign this Enduring Power of Attorney for Personal Care, someone else can sign it for you. This must be done in your presence and the presence of **TWO** witnesses. This person must be 19 years of age or older. This person cannot be your Attorney for Personal Care or their spouse, common-law partner, or child.
- A8** The witnesses must:
- Be **19** years of age or older
 - **NOT** be the same person you chose as your Attorney for Personal Care, nor their spouse, common-law partner or child
 - Sign the Enduring Power of Attorney for Personal Care in your presence



- A9 IMPORTANT NOTICE:** If you are an assisted, supported, or represented person under the *Supported Decision-Making and Representation Act*, be aware that appointing a decision-making supporter or representative for personal care may remove the authority granted to your Attorney for Personal Care granted in this Enduring Power of Attorney for Personal Care.
- A10** Any changes made to the instructions in your Health Care Directive require you to revoke the existing Enduring Power of Attorney for Personal Care and create a new one.
- A11** “Personal care” (Section C) includes any matter relating to the wellbeing of a person, including health care, diet, clothing, accommodation, support services, education, employment, recreation and social activities.
- A12** If you feel you have special circumstances that the Dying With Dignity Canada forms do not address, we suggest that you consult with a lawyer.

B. PERSONAL INFORMATION

- B1** I, _____
(NAME) revoke (cancel) any previous Enduring Powers of Attorney for Personal Care and/or Health Care Directive made by me.
- B2** Legal first name: _____
- B3** Legal last name: _____
- B4** Preferred name (If different from legal name): _____
- B5** Pronouns (Optional): _____
- B6** Date of birth: _____
- B7** Address: _____
- B8** Phone: _____
- B9** Email: _____



C. APPOINTING AN ATTORNEY FOR PERSONAL CARE

(RECOMMENDED, BUT OPTIONAL)

C1 I appoint (choose) the following people to make personal care decisions for me if I do not have the capacity to do so for myself:

ATTORNEY FOR PERSONAL CARE #1

C2 First name: _____

C3 Last name: _____

C4 Relationship to me: _____

C5 Address: _____

C6 Phone: _____

C7 Email: _____

ATTORNEY FOR PERSONAL CARE #2 (OPTIONAL)

C8 First name: _____

C9 Last name: _____

C10 Relationship to me: _____

C11 Address: _____

C12 Phone: _____

C13 Email: _____



NOTE: Only complete the next section if you choose more than one Attorney for Personal Care.

C14 I want my Attorneys for Personal Care to act:

_____ **Jointly** (They need to make decisions together)
(INITIAL)

_____ **Consecutively** (The second Attorney for Personal Care will only make
(INITIAL) decisions if the first is unavailable)

C15 I authorize my Attorney(s) of Personal Care to make medical decisions on my behalf when I lack the capacity to do so for myself:

_____ **With no restrictions**
(INITIAL)

_____ **With the following restrictions** (please describe)
(INITIAL)



D. HEALTH CARE DIRECTIONS

(PLEASE READ EACH LINE CAREFULLY)

D1 _____ If I am sedated and unable to communicate, I would like the sedation
(INITIAL) lifted so that I can decide for myself to accept or refuse a particular therapy.

D2 Initial only **ONE** of the following two options. If you choose Option 1, skip to page 7.

_____ **Option 1:** I direct that my life be prolonged, and that I be provided
(INITIAL) all **life-sustaining treatments** that apply to my medical condition.

OR

_____ **Option 2:** I direct that I **only receive care that will keep me comfortable and**
(INITIAL) **pain free**, and that my life is not prolonged (initial the options that apply below).

_____ **In any circumstance**
(INITIAL)

_____ **If I experience a serious life-threatening illness that cannot be reversed**
(INITIAL)

_____ **If I experience permanent, chronic, and debilitating suffering**
(INITIAL)

_____ **If I have advanced dementia** (please describe what this would look like for you)
(INITIAL)

_____ **OTHER** (please explain)
(INITIAL)

D3 I specifically **REFUSE** (say no to) the following (initial where you refuse):

(INITIAL) **Electrical, mechanical, or other artificial stimulation of my heart** (such as CPR)

(INITIAL) **Respirator or ventilator**

(INITIAL) **Artificial feeding such as through a stomach tube, or an intravenous line (IV)**

(INITIAL) **Being spoon fed, if I am no longer able to feed myself**

(INITIAL) **Artificial hydration (fluids) by intravenous line**

(INITIAL) **Antibiotics**

(INITIAL) **Transfer to an intensive care unit or similar facility**

D4 I would prefer to be cared for (select one):

(INITIAL) **At home**

(INITIAL) **In hospice**

(INITIAL) **In hospital**

D5 _____
(INITIAL) **If my health care provider will not follow this Enduring Power of Attorney for Personal Care, I ask that my care be transferred to another health care provider who will respect my legal rights.**

D6 _____
(INITIAL) **If I should be a patient in a health care facility which will not follow this Enduring Power of Attorney for Personal Care, I ask that I be transferred to another facility.**

ADDITIONAL DIRECTIONS:



E. SIGNATURES

MY SIGNATURE (THE “GRANTOR”)

E1 First name: _____

E2 Last name: _____

E3 Signature: _____

E4 Date: _____

OR

SIGNATURE ON MY BEHALF (IN THE PRESENCE OF THE WITNESSES BELOW)

E5 First name: _____

E6 Last name: _____

E7 Relationship to the “Grantor”: _____

E8 Signature: _____

E9 Address: _____

E10 Phone: _____

E11 Email: _____

E12 Date: _____



ATTORNEY FOR PERSONAL CARE #1

I agree to be the Attorney for Personal Care for the person who created this Enduring Power of Attorney for Personal Care. I understand the responsibilities that come with this role.

E13 First name: _____

E14 Last name: _____

E15 Signature: _____

E16 Date: _____

ATTORNEY FOR PERSONAL CARE #2 (OPTIONAL)

I agree to be the Attorney for Personal Care for the person who created this Enduring Power of Attorney for Personal Care. I understand the responsibilities that come with this role.

E17 First name: _____

E18 Last name: _____

E19 Signature: _____

E20 Date: _____



WITNESS #1

I certify that I witnessed the signing of this Enduring Power of Attorney for Personal Care.
I declare that I am not the Attorney for Personal Care nor the spouse, common-law partner or child of the Attorney for Personal Care.

E21 First name: _____

E22 Last name: _____

E23 Signature: _____

E24 Address: _____

E25 Phone: _____

E26 Email: _____

E27 Date: _____

WITNESS #2

I certify that I witnessed the signing of this Enduring Power of Attorney for Personal Care.
I declare that I am not the Attorney for Personal Care nor the spouse, common-law partner or child of the Attorney for Personal Care.

E28 First name: _____

E29 Last name: _____

E30 Signature: _____

E31 Address: _____

E32 Phone: _____

E33 Email: _____

E34 Date: _____



F. DISTRIBUTION

I have shared this Enduring Power of Attorney for Personal Care with the following people. This is a reminder to me to keep these people informed of any changes. I am aware that outdated copies of my Enduring Power of Attorney for Personal Care may create confusion.

F1 Name: _____

F2 Name: _____

F3 Name: _____

F4 Name: _____

F5 Name: _____

F6 Name: _____

G. REVIEW

G1 You should review your Enduring Power of Attorney for Personal Care and Health Care Directive:

- At least every three years
- When your health situation changes
- When your Attorney(s) for Personal Care change(s)

_____ **Date of last review:** _____
(INITIAL)

_____ **Date of last review:** _____
(INITIAL)

_____ **Date of last review:** _____
(INITIAL)

_____ **Date of last review:** _____
(INITIAL)



H. NEXT STEPS

- H1** After completing your Enduring Power of Attorney for Personal Care and Health Care Directive, re-read it to ensure your preferences are clear. Then, review it with your Attorney(s) for Personal Care. If a health care provider does not know you, they may need the Health Care Directive to understand your wishes for care.
- H2** Keep a copy of your Enduring Power of Attorney for Personal Care and Health Care Directive in an easy-to-find place in an emergency. Leave a note in a prominent place, such as on your fridge with a magnet. This will let emergency personnel know where to look and who to call in a crisis. You can also print a wallet card and fridge note from the Dying With Dignity Canada website at dyingwithdignity.ca/advance-care-planning.
- H3** Do not store your Enduring Power of Attorney for Personal Care and Health Care Directive in any locked box, drawer or safe.
- H4** Discuss your completed Enduring Power of Attorney for Personal Care and Health Care Directive with your health care provider. Give them a copy to put in your medical file. However, do not assume that doing so will result in your Enduring Power of Attorney for Personal Care and Health Care Directive being available in an emergency. You or your Attorney(s) for Personal Care must ensure health care providers are provided with a copy of your Enduring Power of Attorney for Personal Care and Health Care Directive. That is why you should appoint an Attorney for Personal Care.
- H5** If there are no changes to be made, sign the Enduring Power of Attorney for Personal Care and Health Care Directive again with the new date.
- H6** Your medical condition may change. Or you may reconsider some of the instructions you wrote down. Download a new Enduring Power of Attorney for Personal Care and Health Care Directive at dyingwithdignity.ca/advance-care-planning or call Dying With Dignity Canada (DWDC) toll free at **1-800-495-6156** to receive a copy in the mail. Tell everyone involved in your care that you have updated your Enduring Power of Attorney for Personal Care and Health Care Directive.

