

**OCHSNER HEALTH SYSTEM
ADVANCE DIRECTIVE**

**POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR
HEALTH CARE DECISIONS**

**The Person I Want To Make Health Care Decisions For Me
When I Cannot Make Them For Myself**

If I, _____, being of sound mind, am no longer able to make my own health care decisions, the person I choose as my Health Care Power of Attorney is:

(First Choice Name) _____

(Address) _____ (Phone Number) _____

If this person is not able or willing to make these choices for me, OR is divorced or legally separated from me, OR this person has died, then these people are my next choices:

(Second Choice Name) _____ **(Third Choice Name)** _____

(Address) _____ (Address) _____

(City/State/Zip) _____ (City/State/Zip) _____

(Phone) _____ (Phone) _____

I understand that my Health Care Power of Attorney can make health care decisions for me. I want my Health Care Power of Attorney to be able to do the following:

Please cross out/strike through all items that you do NOT want your agent/attorney in fact to do.

make health care and treatment decisions for me

make decisions concerning surgery

make decisions concerning medical expenses

make decisions concerning hospitalization

make decisions concerning nursing home residency

take any legal action needed to carry out my wishes

make decisions concerning the withholding or

withdrawal of life sustaining procedures

make decisions concerning medications

see and approve the release of my medical record

make decisions concerning selection of physicians

apply for Medicare/Medicaid or other programs for insurance

Such Health Care Power of Attorney has full authority to make such decisions as fully, completely and effectually, and to all intents and purposes with the same validity as if such decisions had been personally made by me.

This Health Care Power of Attorney is effective immediately and serves to revoke and supersede any prior Health Care Power of Attorney I have previously executed. This Health Care Power of Attorney will continue until it is revoked.

This declaration is made and signed by me on this _____ day of _____, in the year _____, in the presence of the undersigned witnesses who are not entitled to any portion of my estate.

Signed: _____

Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Social Security Number: _____

WITNESS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT: The Declarant is and has personally been known to me, and I believe the Declarant to be of sound mind. I am not related to the Declarant by blood or marriage and would not be entitled to any portion of Declarant's estate upon his/her death. I was physically present and personally witnessed the Declarant execute the foregoing Declaration.

WITNESS SIGNATURE / Print Witness Name / Date / Time

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