

# Advance Care Planning Updates: Controversy, Complexity, and Practical Tips from the PREPARE For Your Care Program



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# Objectives

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- The evolving definition of ACP
- Recent controversies in ACP
- Updates in the field
- **PREPARE** for Your Care: Practical tips



# Traditional ACP Definition

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- To have patients make treatment decisions in advance of serious illness
- Advance directives/POLST most often used
  - Clinicians & lawyers like check boxes
  - Are you DNR/DNI...yes or no?



# Evolving Paradigm



*"I'm afraid you've had a paradigm shift."*



## Redefining the “Planning” in Advance Care Planning: Preparing for End-of-Life Decision Making

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Life  
sustaining  
treatments



Preparation for  
communication &  
decision making

# PREPARE Goal: Move ACP Upstream

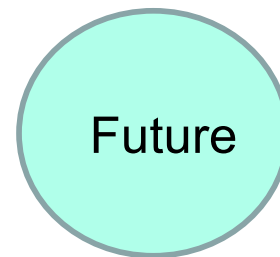
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# 2017 Published ACP Definition International Delphi Panel

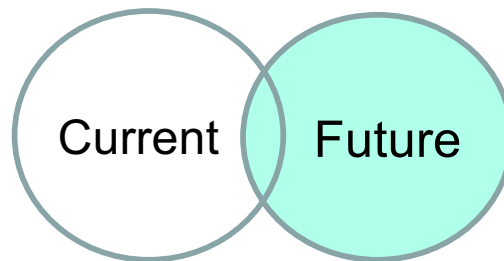
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# PREPARE ACP Definition

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# Evolving: Possible Name Change?



- *“**Advance Serious Illness Preparations and Planning (ASIPP)** consists of discrete steps using evidence-based tools to prepare people for future clinical decision-making in the context of shared decision-making and informed consent.”*

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# Why is ACP Important?

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- In some studies...
  - Improves patient satisfaction with care
  - Improves quality of life
  - Improves goal concordant care
  - Improves surrogate-clinician communication
  - Less stress for the surrogate decision maker

# ACP Realities

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- ACP rates ~ 33% for the past 10 years
- Lower in racial/ethnic minority pop., ~ 15-20%
- Only 10-20% discussed wishes with clinicians
- ICU decedents, ~ 20% no ACP before death



# Mixed Evidence



- Review of 80 systematic reviews with > 1660 studies
  - “Limited, low-quality evidence: ACP benefits = improved EOL communication, documentation, and dying in preferred place. Effective interventions include repeated and interactive discussions, decision aids, interventions targeting multiple stakeholders.”
  - “Further studies are needed on the impact of ACP for different populations, settings, and contexts.”

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# Controversy



- *“We now have a wealth of data from 30 years of research that demonstrate that for the vast majority of people, ACP has no measurable or discernable impact on clinical outcomes.”*
- *“Given the evidence gaps in our field, is it fair to patients & families to continue to focus our limited research workforce, finite effort, journal space, & scarce research, & clinical operational dollars on ACP while ignoring other needs? Isn’t it time to finally acknowledge that **advance directives/care planning** is “an answer that is clear, simple, and wrong?”*

# Controversy



- ACP requires complex knowledge of prognosis & treatment
- Pref when hypothetical not reflect current decision making
- Pt are not ready, or the subject is taboo
- Concerns “written off” with DNR = do not treat
- Serious illness conversations = procedures w/ special skills
- Goal concordant care will not be achieved until healthcare is not driven by profit motives

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# Focus on Treatment Decisions Only is Flawed

- Prediction
- Adaptation
- Extrapolation



**Halpern J, et. al.**, J Gen Intern Med. 2008; **Loewenstein G.** Med Decis Making. 2005; **Ubel PA.** Med Decis Making. 2005; **Fried TR, et. al.**, Arch Intern Med. 2006; **Winter L, et. al.**, Int J Aging Hum Dev. 2003; **Ubel PA, et. al.**, Health Psychol. 2005; **Gillick MR.** N Engl J Med. 2004; **Perkins HS.** Ann Intern Med. 2007

# Why Not Just Designate a Surrogate?

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- Surrogates do not know they were chosen
- Knowledge of preferences no better than chance
- Stress, anxiety, PTSD
- Use own hopes, desires and needs



# Why Do Anything in Advance?

“ADs/care planning is clear, simple, and wrong?”



# Why Prepare Patients & Surrogates?



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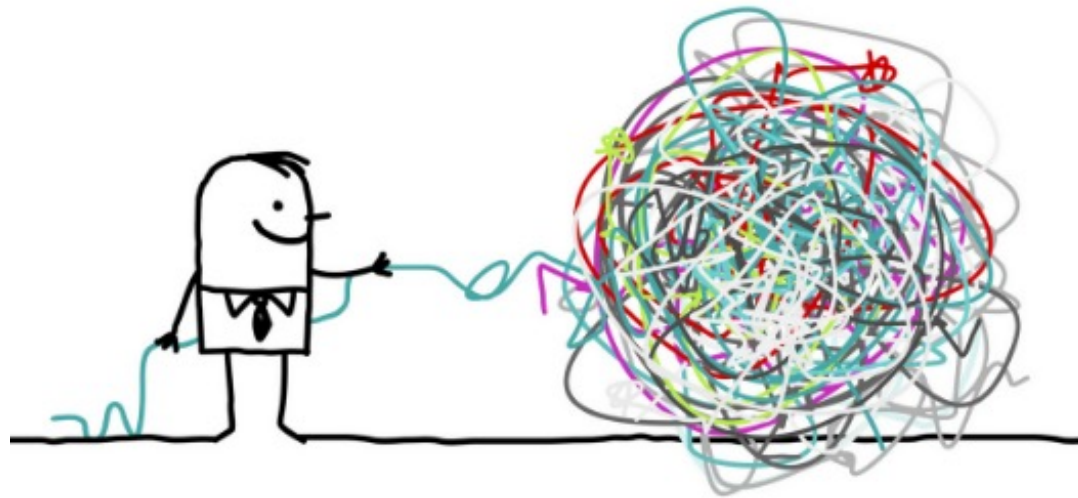
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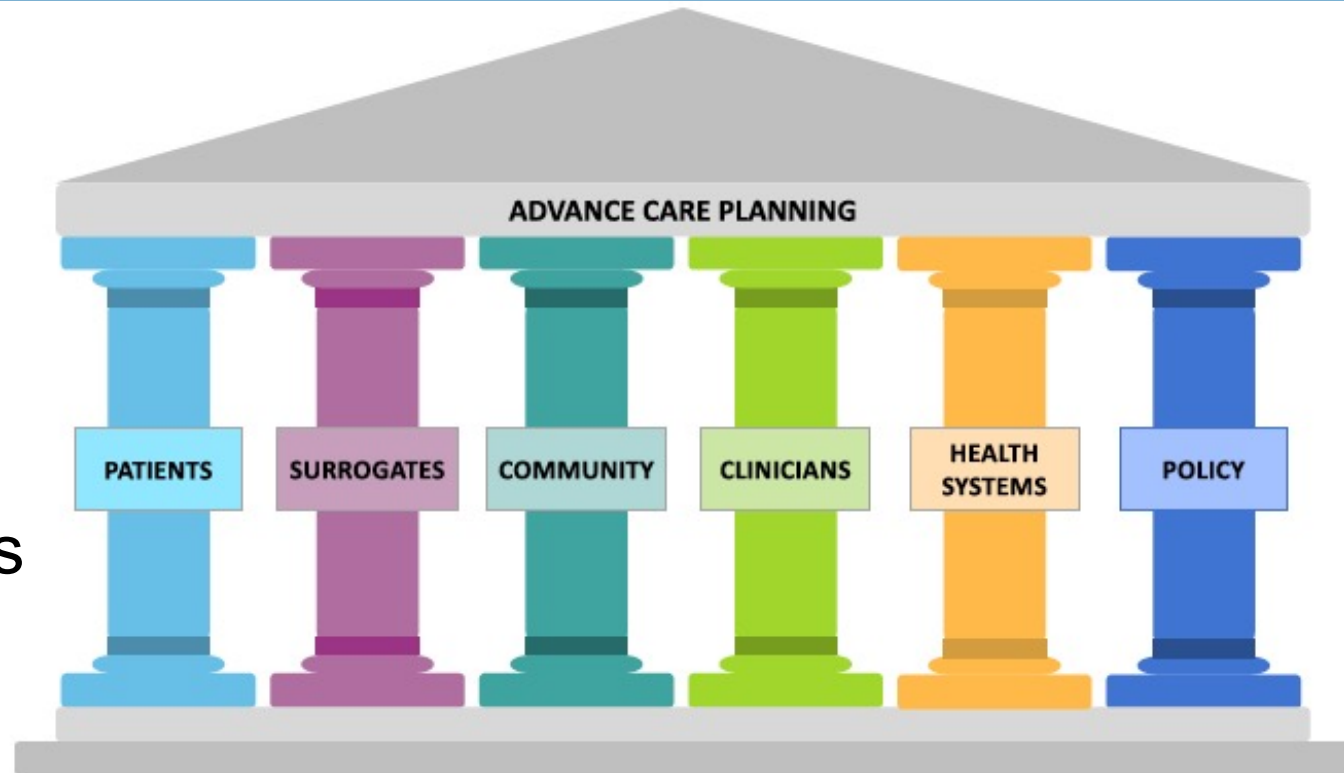
- Clinicians cannot make recs or guide in decision making w/o patients' values and needs.
  - Highly individual
  - Can only be provided by patient/surrogate
- Without **preparation**, patients and surrogates not able to communicate values effectively
  - Stress & no prior relationship with doctors

# What About the Mixed Evidence?



# ACP is Not Simple = Very Complex

- New Definition:
  - Process over time
- Multiple stakeholders



McMahan, Sudore: Deconstructing the Complexities of ACP Outcomes: What Do We Know and Where Do We Go?  
A Scoping Review, *J Am Geriatr Soc.* Sept. 2020

# Complexity of Readiness & Life Course

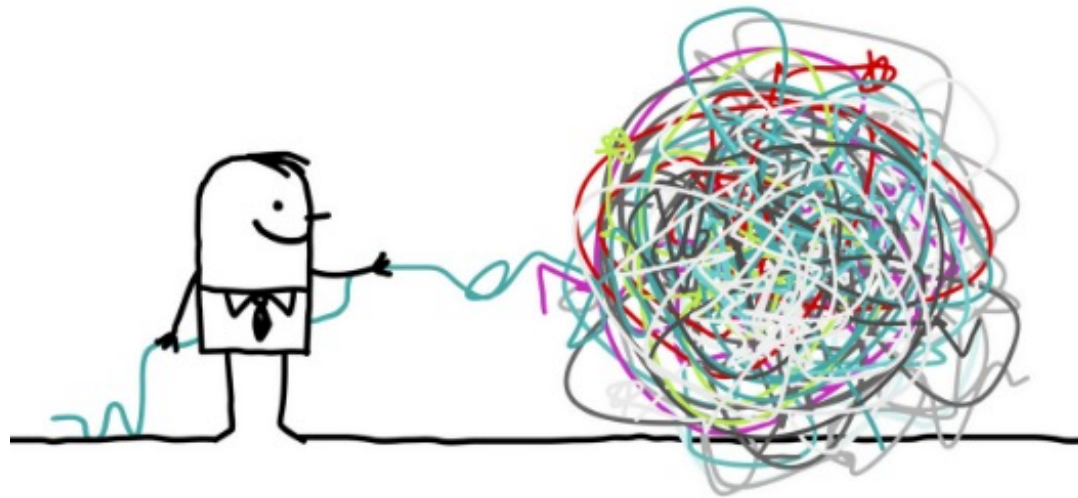
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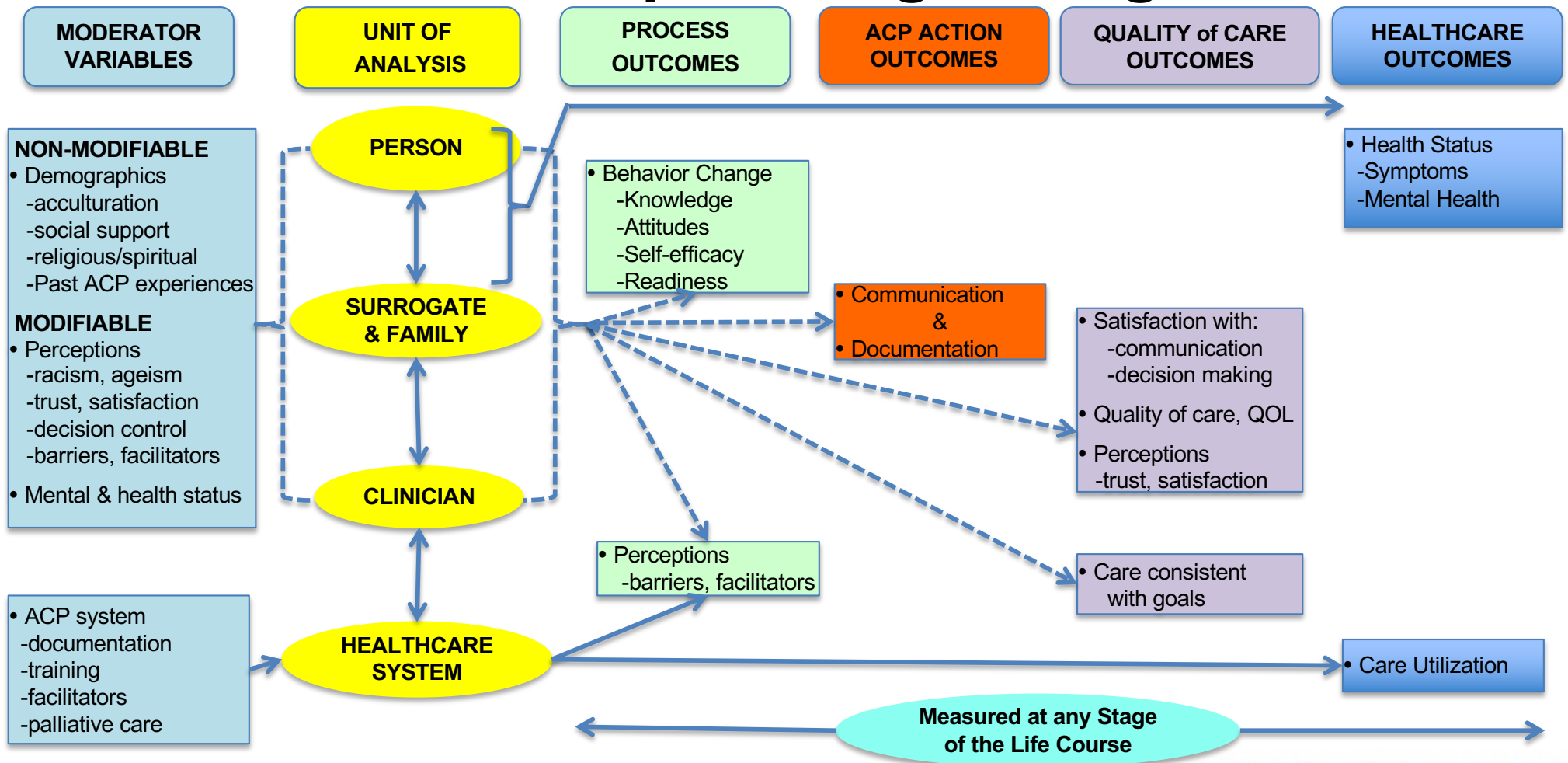
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# Outcomes Are Complex: Organizing Framework



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# Lack of Validated Outcomes



- **Conundrum of Goal Concordant Care (GCC)**

*“While this outcome is extremely important, I am not currently aware of an instrument or method to reliably measure this, especially a method that would be amendable to most ACP studies.”*

*“We cannot measure this in a meaningful and consistent way. So you are setting up a dilemma for our field of research, and potentially setting up a policy dilemma as well.”*



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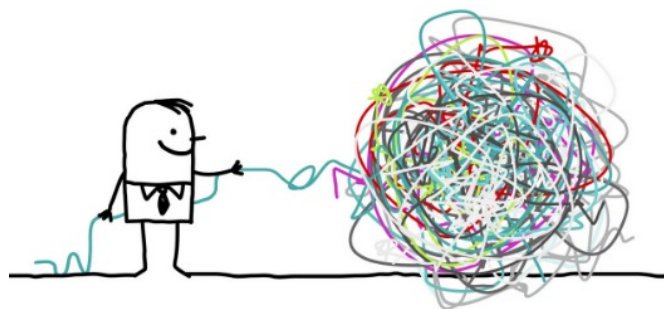
# What Do We Know & Where Do We Go?

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## Deconstructing the Complexities of Advance Care Planning Outcomes: What Do We Know and Where Do We Go? A Scoping Review

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# Patients, Surrogates, Clinicians want Preparation

- Patients, surrogates, clinicians rate ACP as important
  - especially if they have experience making decisions for serious illness.



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# Patients, Surrogates, Clinicians want Preparation

- Patients want to talk to clinicians about ACP
- Expect providers to initiate ACP
- Patients view as way to **prepare surrogates, decrease decision-making burden**, & ensure wishes honored.
- Clinicians view as an important part of job to help patients and families prepare for decision-making.



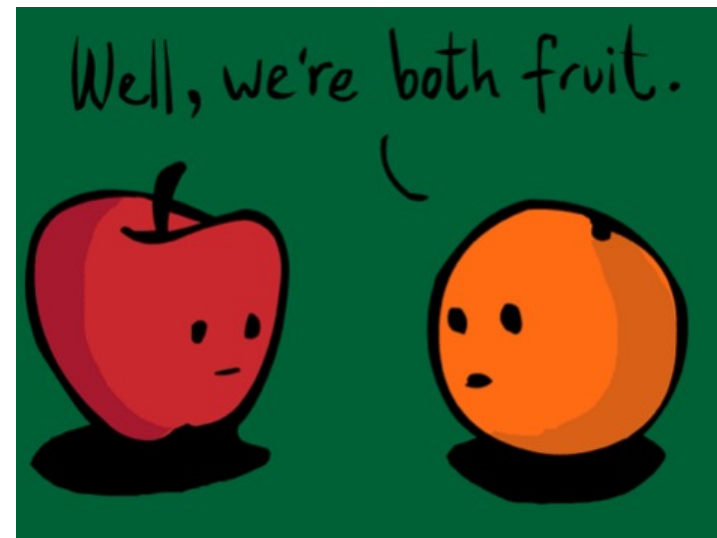
# Scoping Review Methods



- ACP RCTs Jan 2010 to Mar 2020
  - 69 met eligibility, 94% high quality
    - None included in prior reviews
- Excluded
  - Pediatrics, pilot RCTs

# Results: Wide Heterogeneity

- Definitions
- Populations
- Life trajectory
- Settings
- Intervention modalities
- Follow-up time points
- Outcomes



# Intervention Type: Most Studies Positive



- Written only: 75%
- Multimedia programs: 69%
- Facilitated discussions: 67%
- Video only: 59%
- Clinician training: 57%

# Process & Action Outcomes Mostly Positive



- **Process (readiness):** 72%
- **Action:** 86%
  - Communication 78%
  - Documentation 86%



# Congruence & Satisfaction Mostly Positive



- **Congruence** patient/surrogate/clinician: 88%
- **Satisfaction** with:
  - Communication (pt/surrogate/clinician): 100%
  - Surrogate satisfaction with dec making: 67%
  - Surrogate satisfaction with medical care: 75%

# Decreased Distress Positive

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- Decreased surrogate anxiety/depression, PTSD, complicated grief & CG burden: 100%
- Decreased Clinician distress: 1 of 1

# Mostly Negative Outcomes



- Goal Concordant Care: 10% positive
- Health Status of patients: 37% positive
- Healthcare Utilization: 42% positive

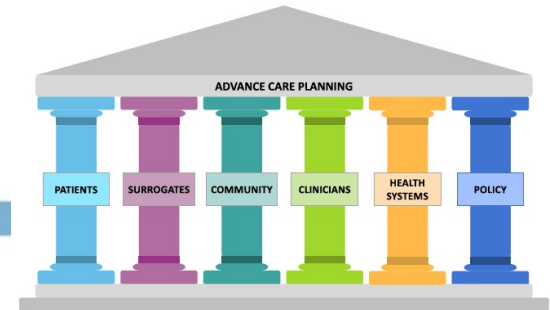
# Where Do We Go?

- Pt, surrogates, clinician want ACP
- Most recent RCTs +
- Decrease surrogate burden
- Not all o/comes +
- Hard to measure GCC



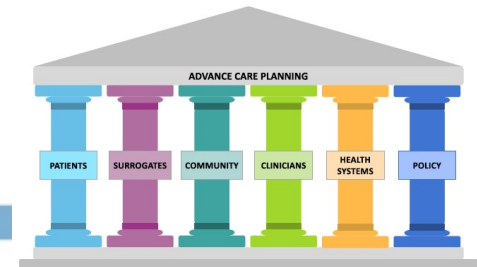
- Given pt, surrogate, clinician **desire for ACP**, especially if previous experience, **incumbent on us to make sense of ACP's complexity**.

# Holistic Approach



- ACP is COMPLEX!
  - ACP intervention for one pillar would not be expected to positively affect all types of outcomes
- Desired ACP outcomes (goal concordance) may be unattainable w/o standardized validated measures

# Holistic Approach



- Clinician and surrogate distress may be more appropriate outcomes
  - ACP is meeting patients' stated goals for ACP—  
decreasing decision making burden on others.
- Each “pillar” may need its own interventions/ outcomes
- Testing of combined interventions & implementation strategies in real-world contexts.

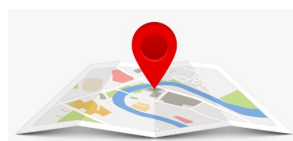
# Is it Reasonable to Expect ACP to Fix All Problems in a Broken HC System?

How potholes are filled...



# Serious Illness = Flying down a broken highway

- Destination = Value concordant care
- Road = US healthcare (Insurers, CMS, legislators, providers)
- Car = Access (Cadillac or Pinto)
- Who is driving (pt, surrogate, clinician), who is in the car
- **GPS/Map = ACP**
- Roadside assistance (AAA/OnStar) = Clinician/Pall Care





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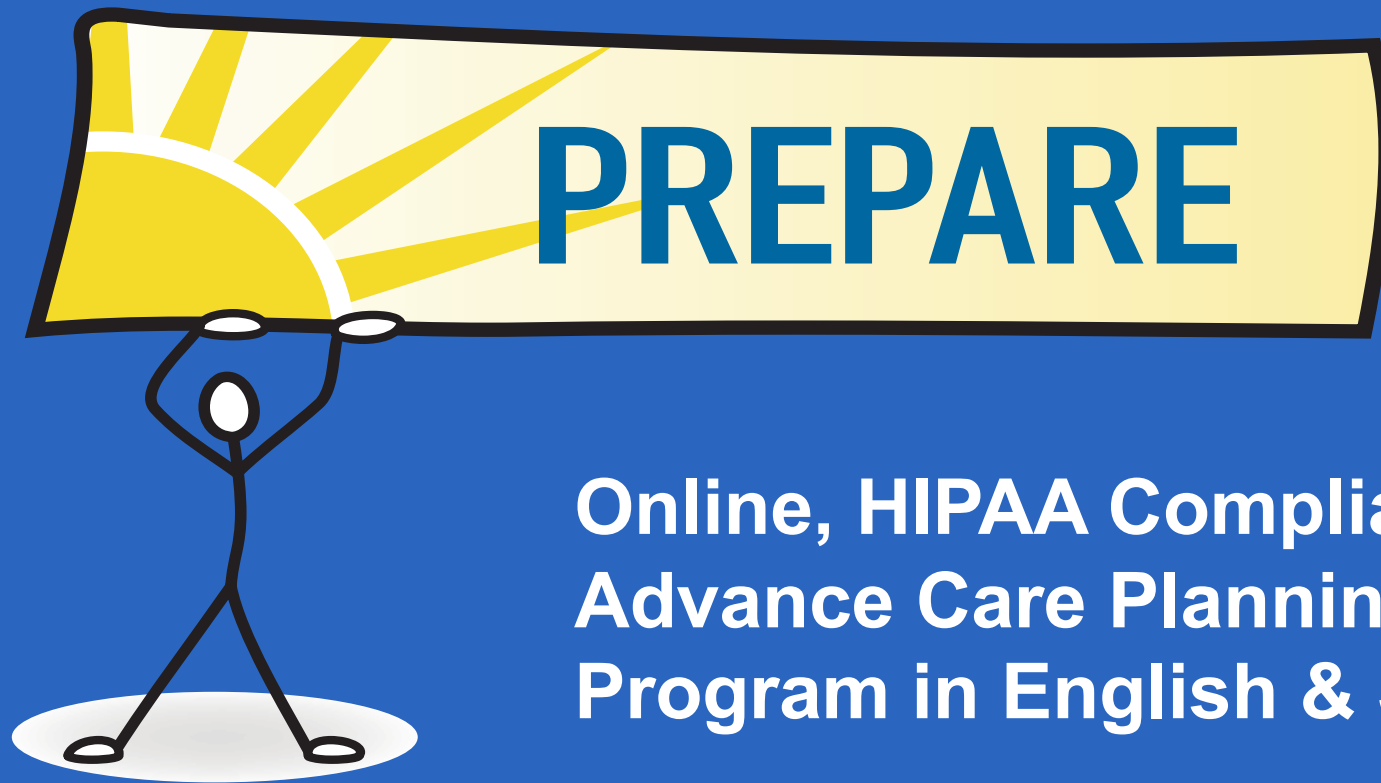
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# Health Literacy Considerations

- Average reading level in the US = 8<sup>th</sup> grade
  - Medicaid and elderly = 5<sup>th</sup> grade
- Advance directives, >12<sup>th</sup> grade level

**CALIFORNIA  
ADVANCE HEALTH CARE DIRECTIVE**

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**Explanation**

You have the right to give instructions about your own health care. You also have the right to name someone else to make health care decisions for you. This form lets you do either or both of these things. It also lets you express your wishes regarding donation of organs and the designation of your primary physician. If you use this form, you may complete or modify all or any part of it. You are free to use a different form.

Part 1 of this form is a power of attorney for health care. Part 1 lets you name another individual as agent to make health care decisions for you if you become incapable of making your own decisions or if you want someone else to make those decisions for you now even though you are still capable. You may name an alternate agent to act for you if your first choice is not willing, able, or reasonably available to make decisions for you. (Your agent may not be an operator or employee of a community care facility or a residential care facility where you are receiving care, or an employee of the health care institution where you are receiving care, unless your agent is related to you, is your registered domestic partner, or is a co-worker. Your supervising health care provider can never act as your agent.)

Unless the form you sign limits the authority of your agent, your agent may make all health care decisions for you. This form has a place for you to limit the authority of your agent. You need not limit the authority of your agent if you wish to rely on your agent for all health care decisions that may have to be made. If you choose not to limit the authority of your agent, your agent will have the right to:

- (a) Consent or refuse consent to any care, treatment, service, or procedure to maintain, diagnose, or otherwise affect a physical or mental condition;
- (b) Select or discharge health care providers and institutions;
- (c) Approve or disapprove diagnostic tests, surgical procedures and programs of medication; and
- (d) Direct the provision, withholding, or withdrawal of artificial nutrition and hydration and all other forms of health care, including cardiopulmonary resuscitation;
- (e) Make anatomical gifts, authorize an autopsy, and direct the disposition of your remains.

Part 2 of this form lets you give specific instructions about any aspect of your health care, whether or not you appoint an agent. Choices are provided for you to express your wishes regarding the provision, withholding, or withdrawal of treatment to keep you alive, as well as the provision of pain relief. Space is provided for you to add to the choices you have made or for you to write out any additional wishes. If you are satisfied to allow your agent to determine what is best for you in making end-of-life decisions, you need not fill out part 2 of this form.

Part 3 of this form lets you express an intention to donate your bodily organs and tissues following your death.

Part 4 of this form lets you designate a physician to have primary responsibility for your health care.

After completing this form, sign and date the form at the end. The form must be signed by two qualified witnesses or acknowledged before a notary public. Give a copy of the signed and completed form to your physician, to any other health care providers you may have, to any health care institution at which you are receiving care, and to any health-care agents you have named. You should talk to the person you have named as agent to make sure that he or she understands your wishes and is willing to take the responsibility.

You have the right to revoke this advance health care directive or replace this form at any time.

National Adult Literacy Survey: <http://nces.ed.gov/naal/>;

Ott BB, Hardie TL, Readability of advance directive documents, Image J Nurs Sch 1997

# Language Considerations

- 61 million (~20%) speak language other than English at home
  - **40 million Spanish**, 3.4 million Chinese



# Cultural Considerations

- Non-Western views on autonomy & decision making
  - ~20% do not want to make own medical decisions
- Experiential racism & system is untrustworthy



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# What Matters Most

- What matters most is not the treatment BUT the **outcome of treatment**

–Not intubation or CPR (the cart)

–but how their life will be after treatment (the horse).







# Easy-to-Read AD

## RCT: English & Spanish

- Doubled completion rates
- Overwhelmingly preferred *regardless of literacy/ language*

10 languages in CA

All states: English & Spanish

5+ states in Chinese

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## California Advance Health Care Directive

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This form lets you choose the kind of health care you want.

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# Values & Space to write "Why" & other specific wishes

**Part 2: Make your own health care choices** California Advance Health Care Directive

**Part 2 Make your own health care choices**  
Fill out only the questions you want.

**How do you prefer to make medical decisions?**

Some people prefer to make their own medical decisions. Some people prefer input from others (family, friends, and medical providers) before they make a decision. And, some people prefer other people make decisions for them.

**Please note:** Medical providers cannot make decisions for you. They can only give information to help with decision making.

**How do you prefer to make medical decisions?**

I prefer to make medical decisions on my own without input from others.

I prefer to make medical decisions only after input from others.

I prefer to have other people make medical decisions for me.

If you want, you can write why you feel this way, and who you want input from.

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**What matters most in life? Quality of life differs for each person.**

**What is most important in your life?** Check as many as you want.

Your family or friends \_\_\_\_\_

Your pets \_\_\_\_\_

Hobbies, such as gardening, hiking, and cooking  
Your hobbies \_\_\_\_\_

Working or volunteering \_\_\_\_\_

Caring for yourself and being independent

Not being a burden on your family

Religion or spirituality: Your religion \_\_\_\_\_

Something else \_\_\_\_\_

**What brings your life joy? What are you most looking forward to in life?**

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Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

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**Part 2: Make your own health care choices** California Advance Health Care Directive

**Quality of life differs for each person at the end of life.**  
**What would be most important to you?**

**AT THE END OF LIFE**  
Some people are willing to live through a lot for a chance of living longer. Other people know that certain things would be very hard on their quality of life.

- Those things may make them want to focus on comfort rather than trying to live as long as possible.

**At the end of life, which of these things would be very hard on your quality of life?**  
Check as many as you want.

Being in a coma and not able to wake up or talk to my family and friends

Not being able to live without being hooked up to machines

Not being able to think for myself, such as severe dementia

Not being able to feed, bathe, or take care of myself

Not being able to live on my own, such as in a nursing home

Having constant, severe pain or discomfort

Something else \_\_\_\_\_

**OR,** I am willing to live through all of these things for a chance of living longer.

If you want, you can write why you feel this way.

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**What experiences have you had with serious illness or with someone close to you who was very sick or dying?**

- If you want, you can write down what went well or did not go well, and why.

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**If you were dying, where would you want to be?**

at home    in the hospital    either    I am not sure

**What else would be important, such as food, music, pets, or people you want around you?**

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Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

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**What else should your medical providers and medical decision maker know about you and your choices for medical care?**

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**OPTIONAL: How do you prefer to get medical information?**  
Some people may want to know all of their medical information. Other people may not.

**If you had a serious illness, would you want your doctors and medical providers to tell you how sick you are or how long you may have to live?**

Yes, I would want to know this information.

No, I would not want to know. Please talk with my decision maker instead.

**If you want, you can write why you feel this way.**

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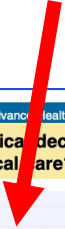
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\* Talk to your medical providers so they know how you want to get information.

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# Are Advance Directives Enough?

“We got the DNR in writing. But in making the decisions, which there were many, that was just one. Because the first decision was to put him in a nursing home. We were married 30 years and I could no longer take care of him (tearful). Then the second decision was whether to put him on a feeding tube because he had stopped eating and I wasn’t ready to let him go.”



# Missing Puzzle Piece

- **PREPARE** people with skills to:
  - identify what is most important and how they want to live
  - talk with family and friends
  - talk with medical providers
  - make informed decisions
  - get the care that is right for them



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- Have a voice in YOUR medical care
- Talk with your doctors
- Fill out an advance directive form to put your wishes in writing.



Click the video above to learn more.

**Click Here to Start PREPARE**

It has video stories and can help you fill out an advance directive.

If you only want to download an advance directive without help from PREPARE, scroll down below.

# 5-Steps of PREPARE

Step <b>1</b>	Choose a Medical Decision Maker
Step <b>2</b>	Decide What Matters Most in Life
Step <b>3</b>	Choose Flexibility for Your Decision Maker
Step <b>4</b>	Tell Others About Your Wishes
Step <b>5</b>	Ask Doctors the Right Questions

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# Creating PREPARE

- Co-created with diverse populations
- Easy to understand: 5<sup>th</sup>-grade reading level
  - Voice-overs & closed captioning (Eng/Span)
- Range of video stories:
  - Surrogate availability
  - Decision making preferences
- Videos that **model** ACP behavior



\* Sudore RL et. al., J Pain & Symptom Manage, 2012

# How to Ask a Decision Maker

## PREPARE



Show Menu

## How to Ask Someone to Be Your Decision Maker

You can watch this video with your friends and family.





# How to Talk with Family & Friends

**PREPARE**



Show Menu

## How To Tell Others About Your Wishes



# How to Ask Clinicians Questions

**PREPARE**



Show Menu

## How To Ask Doctors the Right Questions



Name: Rebecca S



## Summary of My Wishes

### Step 1: Choose a Medical Decision Maker

- You have chosen and asked John Doe (your spouse/partner) to be your decision maker
- You want John Doe to make medical decisions for you only if you cannot make your own decisions

### Step 2: Decide What Matters Most in Life

- What is most important to you are: family and friends, religion, living on your own and caring for yourself, not being a burden on your family
- You feel that there may be some health situations that would make your life not worth living, such as never being able to wake up from a coma
- You want to try treatments for a period of time, but stop if you are suffering

### Step 3: Choose Flexibility for Your Decision Maker

- You chose TOTAL flexibility in medical decision making for your decision maker

### Step 4: Tell Others About Your Wishes

- You told your decision maker about your wishes. But you have not yet told your doctor and family and friends

### Step 5: Ask Doctors the Right Questions

- When making decisions with your doctor, you want to share decision making with your doctor
- You **WOULD** want your doctor to tell you how sick you are or how long you have to live

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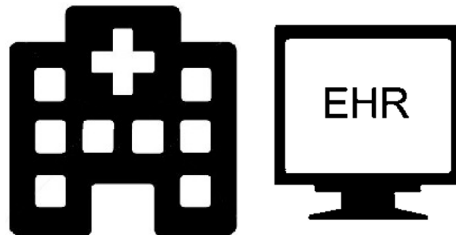
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2 RCTs : 1400 Eng & Span patients

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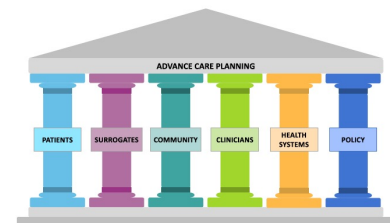
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Healthcare System



Patients





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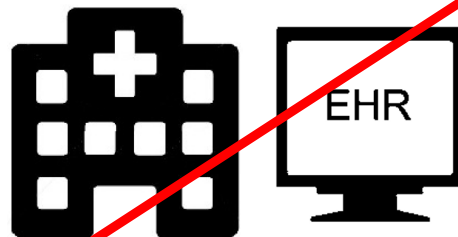
**EVIDENCE:**

2 RCTs : 1400 Eng & Span patients

## ACP



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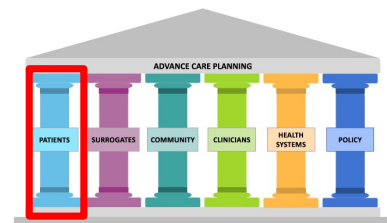


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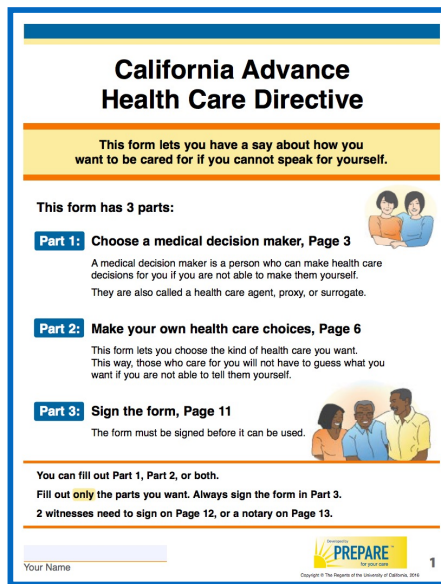
The Focus



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# Intervention: Patient-facing ONLY



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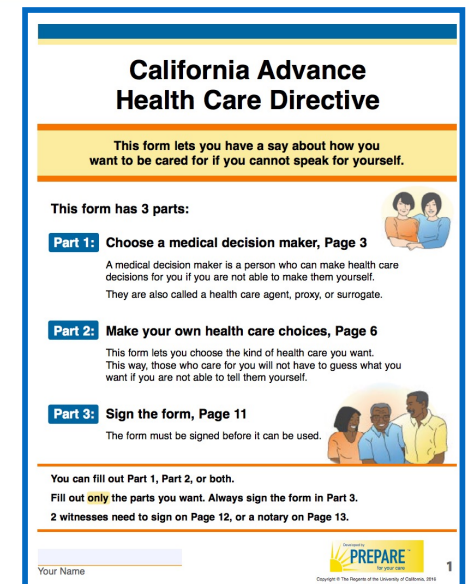
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\*There were no clinician- or system-level interventions or education. Only patient education was provided.  
H<sub>0</sub> – Patients would be empowered to complete the forms and talk about their wishes with clinicians.



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Hospital and Trauma Center

## Pt Characteristics, n = 986

	AD-only n=505	PREPARE+AD n=481
Mean Age (SD)	63 (6)	63 (6)
Women	62%	62%
<b>Spanish-speaking</b>	<b>45%</b>	<b>46%</b>
Racial/Ethnic minority	80%	83%
Fair-to-poor health	49%	53%
<b>Limited health literacy</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>39%</b>
Internet access	53%	48%

# PREPARE Increases Engagement & Documentation



After reviewing  
PREPARE™ website + PREPARE™ advance directive  
in English or Spanish

→

**98%**  
engage in  
Advance Care Planning

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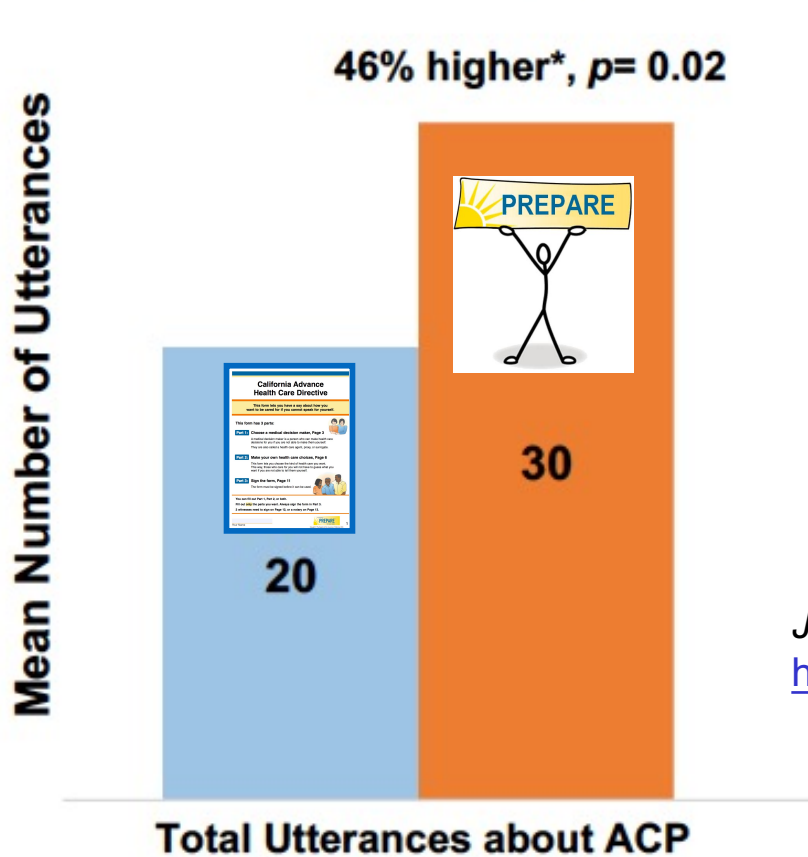
## PREPARE increases Advance Care Planning documentation

12 Months Before	English & Spanish	15 Months After
<b>8½%</b>		<b>43%</b>
Documentation Rate		Documentation Rate

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# PREPARE Empowers People to Speak Up



\*Adjusted analysis

393 recorded clinic visits

**46% Higher  
Empowerment**

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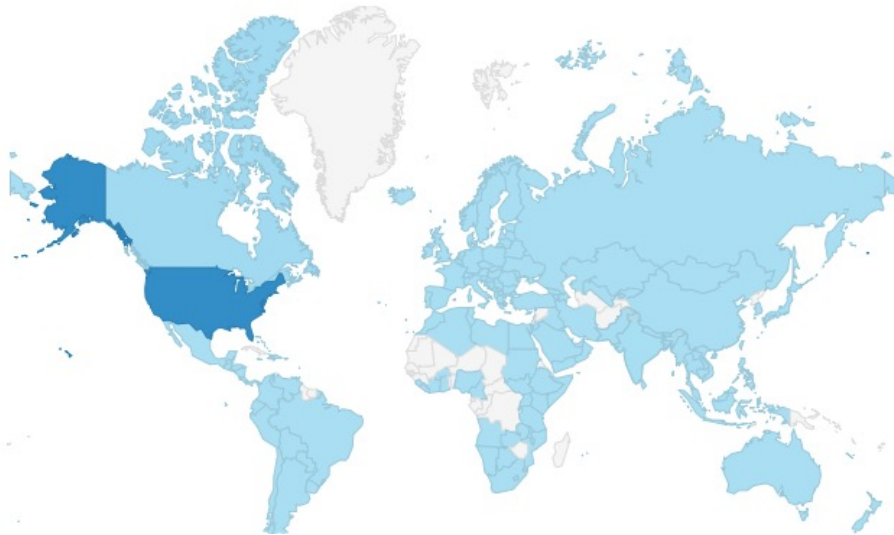
# Dissemination Research

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# PREPARE Reach to the Community

- ~400,000 unique users, over 115 countries
- COVID-19 = 5x use



# Group Medical Visits w/ PREPARE Movies

- Minimal facilitation: All info in Movies
- Pre-to-post: 1 week, n =22
  - Surrogate designation 48% to 85%,  $p = 0.01$
  - AD form completion 9% to 24%,  $p = 0.21$

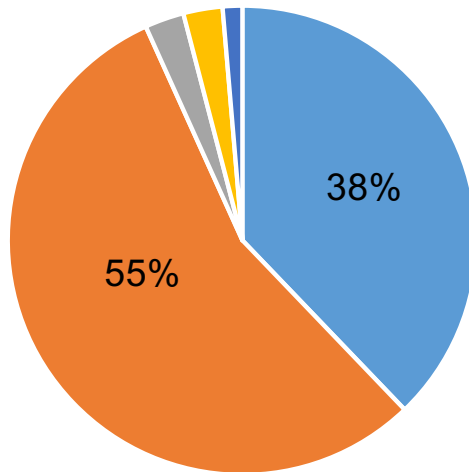




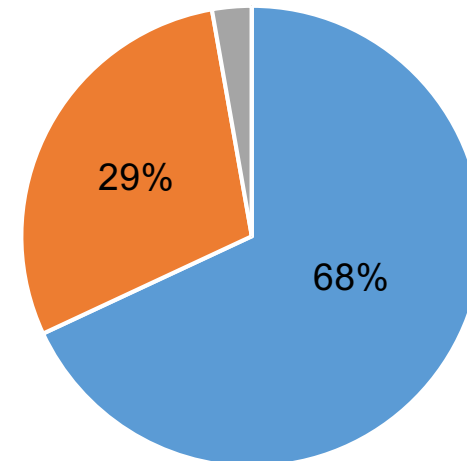
# Movie Toolkit: Senior Centers, n =75

## 100% rated easy to understand

93% Ready to answer  
?s about preferences




97% Recommend  
session



- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- I have no opinion
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

# Dept Disability & Aging: Toolkits for In Home Supportive Services

- Case Managers:
  - 100% increased confidence
  - 100% reported easy to use & recommend
- Older Clients
  - 100% increased readiness to do ACP
  - 100% easy to understand, 92% recommend




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**Advance Care Planning Toolkit**

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- Part 1: Definitions**
- Part 2: Introduction**
- Part 3: Materials**
- Part 4: Follow-up**



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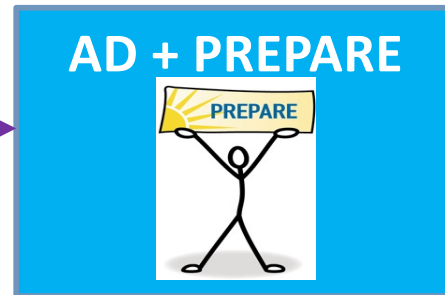
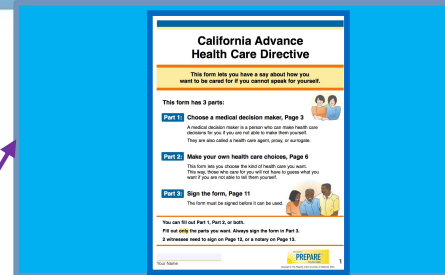
# PCORI: Capacity Building in WA

- Honoring Choices Pacific Northwest & PREPARE



# PCORI: Population Health Based ACP

- UCLA, UCSF, UCI
- 50 clinics
- 20,000 patients
- 65 years & older



Automated Epic MyChart Messages

Automated Mail Messages



# Practical Tips



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# Who Can Use PREPARE?

- **Target:** Ethnically-, culturally-, linguistically-diverse older adults
- **Who Delivers:** Anyone
- **Training:** Minimal. All ACP information already included in Toolkits & website



**PREPARE is a step-by-step program with video stories to help you:**

- Have a voice in YOUR medical care
- Talk with your doctors
- Fill out an advance directive form to put your wishes in writing.



Click the video above to learn more.

**Click Here to Start PREPARE**  
It has video stories and can help you fill out an advance directive.

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## PREPARE Tools for Providers & Organizations

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### How to Use PREPARE Tools for Providers & Organizations

A brief summary of the PREPARE tools and how to use them.




### PREPARE Quick Start Guide

This handout includes pictures and instructions to help users get into and start using the online program.

# PREPARE Tools For Providers

1. How to use PREPARE Tools
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**How to Use PREPARE Tools for  
Providers & Organizations**

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**Part 1:** PREPARE Goals & Tools

**Part 2:** How to Access

**Part 3:** How to Partner



# Quick Start Guide

**PREPARE™ for your care** QUICK START GUIDE


Welcome to PREPARE! Learn helpful information in as little as 10 minutes.

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Type in this address into your internet browser: [prepareforyourcare.org](http://prepareforyourcare.org)

This will bring you to the PREPARE home page.

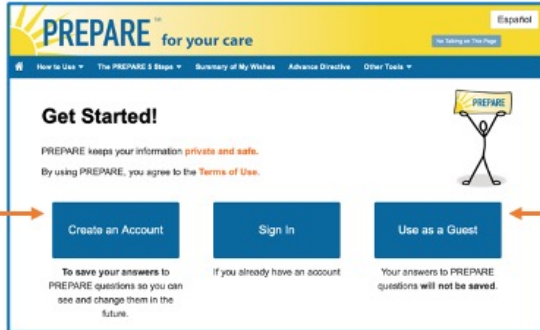


**Click here to Start**

**You can click on this 1-minute video to learn more about PREPARE**

You will then come to this login page.

To save your information, click on **Create an Account**. Or, use PREPARE as a guest.



**Get Started!**

PREPARE keeps your information *private and safe*.  
By using PREPARE, you agree to the [Terms of Use](#).

**Create an Account**   **Sign In**   **Use as a Guest**

To save your answers to PREPARE questions so you can see and change them in the future.

Your answers to PREPARE questions will not be saved.

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## Free PREPARE Easy-to-read Advance Directives and Other Tools Below. ▾



### PREPARE Easy-to-Read Advance Directives:

Free to fill out and print for all states.

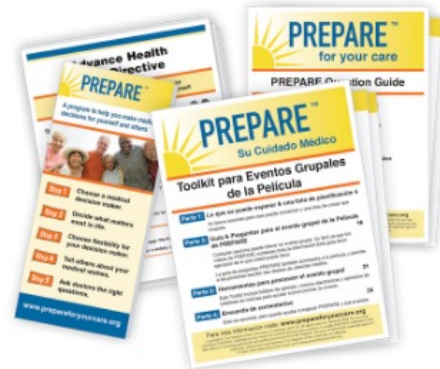
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## Other PREPARE Tools for Providers and Organizations ▾

### For Providers and Organizations:

- PREPARE Pamphlets
- Tools for Group Movie Events
  - PREPARE Toolkit for Group Movie Events
  - PREPARE Movies
  - PREPARE Question Guide

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# Easy-to-read ADs for all US States in English & Spanish (5+ Chinese)



**Indiana Advance Health Care Directive**

This form lets you have a say about how you want to be cared for if you cannot speak for yourself.

This form has 3 parts:


**Part 1 Choose a medical decision maker, Page 3**  
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**Part 2 Make your own health care choices, Page 7**  
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**Part 3 Sign the form, Page 13**  
The form must be signed before it can be used.

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Fill out **only** the parts you want. Always sign the form in Part 3.  
2 witnesses need to sign on Page 14.

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

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**Instrucción anticipada de atención de salud de Indiana**

Indiana Advance Health Care Directive

Este formulario le permite indicar cómo desea ser atendido si usted no puede hablar por sí mismo.  
This form lets you have a say about how you want to be cared for if you cannot speak for yourself.

Este formulario consta de 3 partes: This form has 3 parts:

**Parte 1 Escoger una persona decisora, Página 3**  
Part 1: Choose a medical decision maker, Page 3  
Una persona decisora es una persona que puede tomar decisiones médicas por usted si usted no puede tomarlas por sí mismo.  
A medical decision maker is a person who can make health care decisions for you if you are not able to make them yourself.  
Esta persona será su representante. This person will be your advocate.  
También se les llama un agente de salud, un representante, o un sustituto.  
They are also called a health care agent, representative, or surrogate.

**Parte 2 Tomar sus propias decisiones de atención de salud, Página 7**  
Part 2: Make your own health care choices, Page 7  
Este formulario le permite escoger el tipo de atención de salud que desea. De esta manera, las personas encargadas de su cuidado no tendrán que adivinar lo que desea si no puede decirlo por usted mismo.  
This form lets you choose the kind of health care you want. This way, those who care for you will not have to guess what you want if you are not able to tell them yourself.


**Parte 3 Firmar el formulario, Página 13** Part 3: Sign the form, Page 13  
El formulario se debe firmar antes de que se pueda usar.  
The form must be signed before it can be used.

Usted puede llenar la Parte 1, la Parte 2, o ambas. You can fill out Part 1, Part 2, or both.

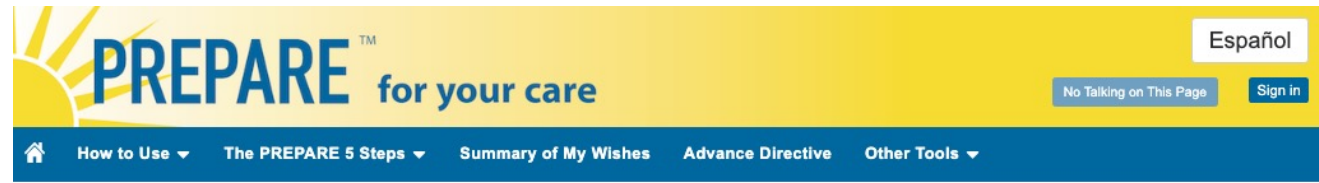
Llene **solamente** las partes que desee. Siempre firme el formulario en la Parte 3.  
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Es necesario que 2 testigos firmen en la página 14.  
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Su Nombre Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

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# 11 Languages in CA



## California PREPARE Advance Directive



Let PREPARE help you fill out the advance directive.

The pages are easy-to-read and PREPARE will walk you through them.

Fill out the advance directive in PREPARE



Or, you can download a blank form to do outside of PREPARE.

Choose a Language to Download

- English
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# PREPARE Steps Pre-populates AD (Eng/Sp)

- Tailored answer automation



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### Question 4. How Do You Balance Quality of Life with Medical Care?

If you were so sick that you may die soon, what would you prefer?

- Try all life support treatments that my doctors think might help. I want to stay on life support treatments even if there is little hope of getting better or living a life I value.
- Do a trial of life support treatments that my doctors think might help. But, I do not want to stay on life support treatments if the treatments do not work and there is little hope of getting better or living a life I value.
- I do not want life support treatments, and I want to focus on being comfortable. I prefer to have a natural death.
- I am not sure.

What else should your medical providers and medical decision maker know about this choice? Or, why did you choose this option?



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Part 2: Make your own health care choices California Advance Health Care Directive


### How Do You Balance Quality of Life with Medical Care?

Sometimes illness and the treatments used to try to help people live longer can cause pain, side effects, and the inability to care for yourself.

Please read this whole page before making a choice.

**AT THE END OF LIFE, some people are willing to live through a lot for a chance of living longer. Other people know that certain things would be very hard on their quality of life.**

Life support treatment can be CPR, a breathing machine, feeding tubes, dialysis, or transfusions.



Check the **one** choice you most agree with.

If you were so sick that you may die soon, what would you prefer? ?

- Try all life support treatments that my doctors think might help. I want to stay on life support treatments even if there is little hope of getting better or living a life I value.
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- I do not want life support treatments, and I want to focus on being comfortable. I prefer to have a natural death.

What else should your medical providers and decision maker know about this choice? Or, why did you choose this option?.

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# Guided AD Step (Info & videos in Eng/Sp)

- Additional information and videos available if needed

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Part 1: Choose your medical decision maker California Advance Health Care Directive

## Part 1 Choose your medical decision maker ?

Your medical decision maker can make health care decisions for you if you are not able to make them yourself. ?

A good medical decision maker is a family member or friend who: ?

- is 18 years of age or older
- can talk to you about your wishes
- can be there for you when you need them
- you trust to follow your wishes and do what is best for you
- you trust to know your medical information
- is not afraid to ask doctors questions and speak up about your wishes

Legally, your decision maker **cannot** be your doctor or someone who works at your hospital or clinic, unless they are a family member.

**What will happen if I do not choose a medical decision maker?**

If you are not able to make your own decisions, your doctors will turn to family and friends or a judge to make decisions for you. This person may not know what you want.

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Click the video to see examples of people choosing a decision maker. X

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Part 1: Choose your medical decision maker California Advance Health Care Directive

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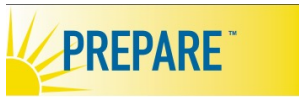
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A program to help you make medical decisions for yourself and others



**Step 1** Choose a medical decision maker.

**Step 2** Decide what matters most in life.

**Step 3** Choose flexibility for your decision maker.

**Step 4** Tell others about your medical wishes.

**Step 5** Ask doctors the right questions.

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**Step 1** Choose a Medical Decision Maker

Choose someone you trust to help make decisions for you in case you become too sick to make your own decisions.

**A good decision maker will:**

- ask doctors questions
- respect your wishes

If there is no one to choose right now, do Steps 2, 4, and 5.

**How to say it:**

"If I get sick in the future and cannot make my own decisions, would you work with my doctors and help make medical decision for me?"

OR

"I do not want to make my own medical decisions. Would you talk to the doctors and help make medical decisions for me now and in the future?"



**Step 2** Decide What Matters Most in Life

This can help you decide on medical care that is right for you.



Five questions can help you decide what matters for your medical care:

1. **What is most important in life?**  
Friends? Family? Religion?
2. **What experiences have you had** with serious illness or death?
3. **What brings you quality of life?**  
Quality of life is different for each person. Some people are willing to live through a lot for a chance of living longer. Others know certain things would be hard on their quality of life.

**Step 3** Choose Flexibility for Your Decision Maker

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- Flexibility** gives your decision maker leeway to work with your doctors and possibly change your prior medical decisions if something else is better for you at that time.

**How to say it:**

**Total Flexibility:**

"I trust you to work with my doctors. It is OK if you have to change my prior decisions if something is better for me at that time."



**Some Flexibility:**

"It is OK if you have to change my prior decisions. But, there are some decisions that I never want you to change. These decisions are..."



**No Flexibility:**

"Follow my wishes exactly, no matter what."



**Step 4** Tell Others About Your Medical Wishes

This will help you get the medical care you want.

**How to say it:**

**To your decision maker and doctors:**

"This is what is most important in my life and for my medical care..."

**To your doctor and family and friends:**

"I chose this person to be my decision maker and I want to give them (TOTAL, SOME, or NO) flexibility to make decisions for me."

Your doctors can help you put your medical wishes on an advance directive form.



**Step 5** Ask Doctors the Right Questions

- **Write down** questions ahead of time.
- **Bring someone** with you.
- Tell doctors at the **start of the visit** if you have questions.



**How to say it:**

**If your doctor recommends something, ask about the:**

- **Benefits** – the good things that could happen
- **Risks** – the bad things that could happen
- **Options** for different kinds of treatment
- **What your life will be like** after treatment

**Make sure you understand:**

"What I'm hearing you say is... Is this right?"

**Your Action Plan**



By \_\_\_\_\_

I will \_\_\_\_\_

# PREPARE Pamphlet

Trifold  
English, Spanish,  
Chinese

## The PREPARE Movie

You can watch one part of the PREPARE Movie or the full movie by clicking a button below.

Welcome

Step 1: Choose a Medical Decision Maker

Step 2: Decide What Matters Most in Life

Step 3: Choose Flexibility for Your Decision Maker

Step 4: Tell Others About Your Wishes

Step 5: Ask Doctors the Right Questions

Your Next Steps

Watch the full movie



# Group Movie Events




## Toolkit for Group Movie Events

- |  |    |
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| <b>Part 1:</b> What to Expect & A Planning Checklist   | 4  |
| Here you'll find a brief overview to get you started, and a list of things you will need.  |    |
| <b>Part 2:</b> PREPARE Group Movie Event Guide & Questions   | 16 |
| Anyone can run a group event. It is easy because the PREPARE videos have all the information. This guide also has example words you can say. |    |
| The PREPARE Question Guide also follows along with the movie and allows people to write down their wishes for medical care.                  |    |
| <b>Part 3:</b> Tools to Promote the Event  | 21 |
| This Toolkit includes example flyers, emails, and newsletter language to help you promote your event.  |    |
| <b>Part 4:</b> Feedback Surveys  | 25 |
| This is optional, but can help improve PREPARE and your events.  |    |


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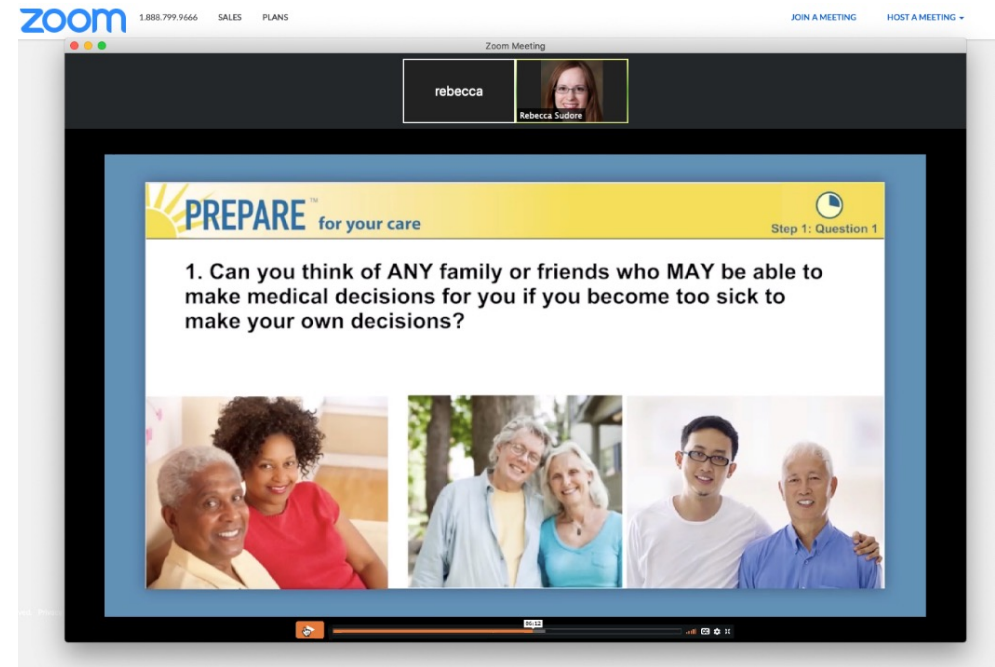
For group movie events, please see our Toolkit.

[Get the PREPARE Toolkit](#)



**How to Put on a PREPARE Movie Event**

# Group visits through Video





# Simple Scripts

Anyone & any  
discipline

1. Ask about a surrogate
2. Ask about prior ADs
3. Give basic ACP info

Block, Smith, Sudore. *J Am Geriatr Soc.* May, 2020  
Sudore, Fried. *Annals of Intern Med,* 2010

## Due to COVID-19, Advance Care Planning is Imperative: We All Need to Pitch In

Regardless of healthcare profession, please address basic ACP during phone, video, or in person visits. Any ACP done now may save patients, families, and other providers from uncertainty and stress later on.

### What You Can Say:

#### STEP 1: Ask About a Surrogate Decision Maker

"I wanted to take a moment to talk to you about advance care planning. This involves choosing an emergency contact and the medical care that is important to you."

"First, I would like to ask if there is someone you trust to help make medical decisions for you if there ever came a time you could not speak for yourself?"

*If yes:* "That's great. If not already, now is a good time to reach out and tell them that you chose them for this role and what is important to you. That way they can be the best advocate and speak up for you if needed."

"I will make sure I put this in your medical record. It is also important to keep their name and phone number on hand, both on your phone and also written down in your purse or wallet."

*If no:* "It is OK if you cannot think of someone right now. If someone comes to mind in the future, please let your medical providers know so we can put the information in your medical record."

#### STEP 2: Ask about Advance Directives

"Have you ever completed an advance directive? This is a legal form that lets you write down the name of your medical decision maker and your wishes for medical care." What about a POLST form?

*If yes:* "That's great. Do you remember what you wrote down? Do you still feel the same way? Do you know where this form is?"

"The most important part is to now share the information in this form with your family and friends. It is also important to bring a copy of the form with you if you need to come to the clinic or hospital. That way your family, friends, and medical providers will know what is most important to you."

*If no:* "This is OK. *[Example, use local preference]* A good place to start is a website called PREPAREforYourCare.org. It has simple information and advance directive forms for free and COVID-19 specific information and resources. You can get the website on a smartphone, a tablet, or a computer. You can even do this with your family and friends. That website again is PREPAREforYourCare.org. You can download the form to fill out on your computer or print to out."

*[Optional due to social distancing]:* "The forms sometimes need extra witnessing or a notary to be legal. While we are practicing social distancing, if you fill out the form it is OK for now to just sign and date it. And, it is really important to share the information with your family and friends and medical providers. These conversations are the most important part. Bring a copy of the form with you if you need to come to the clinic or hospital."





## Advance Care Planning Toolkit

- Part 1:** Definitions
- Part 2:** Introduction
- Part 3:** Materials
- Part 4:** Follow-up



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# Scripts to start conversations & discuss PREPARE tools



# PREPARE: Free to the Public

- **FREE:**
  - Link to (use) the PREPARE url for online or print materials
    - How to Use PREPARE Guide: Has standardized descriptions
  - Forward link instead of PDFs to colleagues/patients
  - Print materials from the PREPARE website
- **UCSF Licenses Available:** <https://prepareforyourcare.org/partner>
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# Questions?

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