

We have and read about and discussed topics of disability and death planning and the legal documents and decisions people make to plan and exercise some control over their own personal and financial affairs as well as end of life decision making.

In this Discussion Board, you will explore the topic of Death With Dignity, often referred to as Assisted Suicide or controversial subject r. Below are links to a couple of articles discussing Pros and Cons of Assisted Suicide and a couple of links to personal stories and opinions (both pro and con). Read the articles you will find at each link to get some background and orientation to the topics. You are welcome to explore other resources in addition.

Post your thoughts and opinions developed after you complete the reading. There is no right or wrong answer, but a thoughtful response that shows you completed the reading and have considered it in the context of your life view, ethics and morality is important to earning full credit.

Assisted suicide is a controversial subject indeed. Honestly, I never gave Physician Assisted Suicide much thought until I had the experience of seeing a loved one in her last days. She was already diagnosed with severe dementia and in hospice. Sadly, she could no longer go to the bathroom by herself, and in her final week, she could not swallow her food. Her eyes spoke for her: I'm suffering. The devastating addition to the story was her daughter had her sign a new Will giving her independent executrix power even though it was found later the woman did not have capacity per an assessment from a licensed neurophysiologist. The daughter had spent a large sum of money "helping" her mother and quietly guilted other siblings with a pittance of money to shut them up. She never settled the Estate legally, and she kept all the remaining resources. The point is at the end she had all the power to make decisions. It is hindsight to say what I would have been able to do if I did have a voice in the decision making. I would never want someone to take the evil path to determine when life should end, and yet, I agree with the article where religious leaders commented that there is nothing holy about agony.

Using the form provided, add information to the Statutory Advance Medical Directive for Virginia. You may use your own information (name and preferences), or you may prepare it for a client of your own creation. Be sure to read as you complete the form. Not all parts are required and you must pay attention to be accurate and thorough.

Use the form below, Do not leave lines, extra spaces or instructions. Make it look like a finished document. Points will be deducted for sloppy work.

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