

I Finished my Advance Directive...Now What?

Once you've completed your advance directive, here are some next steps:

- Give a copy of your advance directive to your primary healthcare agent, back up agent(s) and other important family members.
- Give a copy of your advance directive to your WellStar physician and any physician you may have outside of WellStar Health System. Ask them to scan it into your medical record.
- Talk to your agent(s), family and loved ones about your advance directive. Specifically, discuss who your healthcare agent is and what your wishes are.
- Keep a copy of your advance directive where it can be easily found. Also, tell your family members where they can find it.
- If you haven't already given a copy to your WellStar physician, make sure to bring a copy with you if you go to the hospital. Ask for it to be put into your medical record.