

ADVANCED DIRECTIVES

POLICY STATEMENT

It is the policy of Bay of Plenty District Health Board (BOPDHB) that unless there is a compelling reason not to do so all advance directives will be applied as intended by the patient.

An advance directive is the patient's advance use of their right to make a health care choice. It is intended to be effective only when they are not competent.

REFERENCES

- [Code of Health and Disability Services Consumer's Rights](#)
- [New Zealand Bill of Rights Act](#)

ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

- Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 6.1.4 protocol 1 Advanced Directive - Standards
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 1.1.1 Informed Consent
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board Advance Directive Form

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