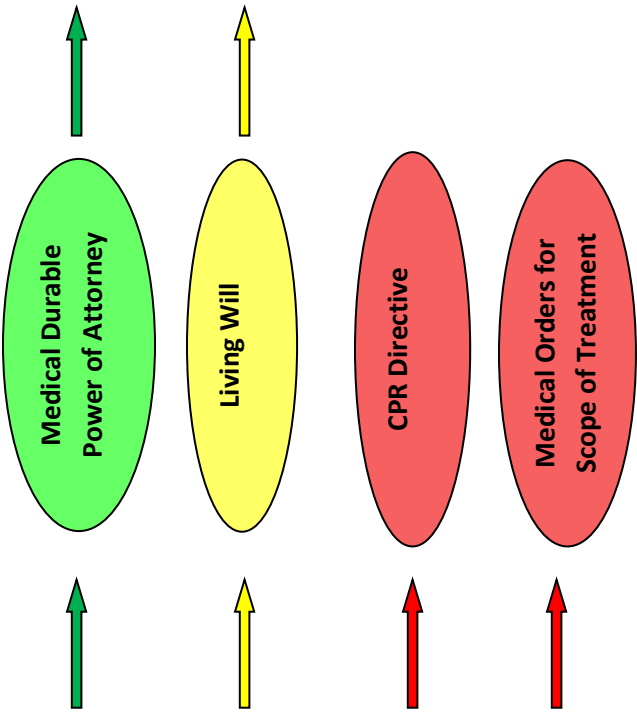


Advance Care Planning Flowchart

Legend:

- = Strongly recommended Use this form or process now
- = Optional/at patient's or agent's discretion
- = Not appropriate at this time/for this pt

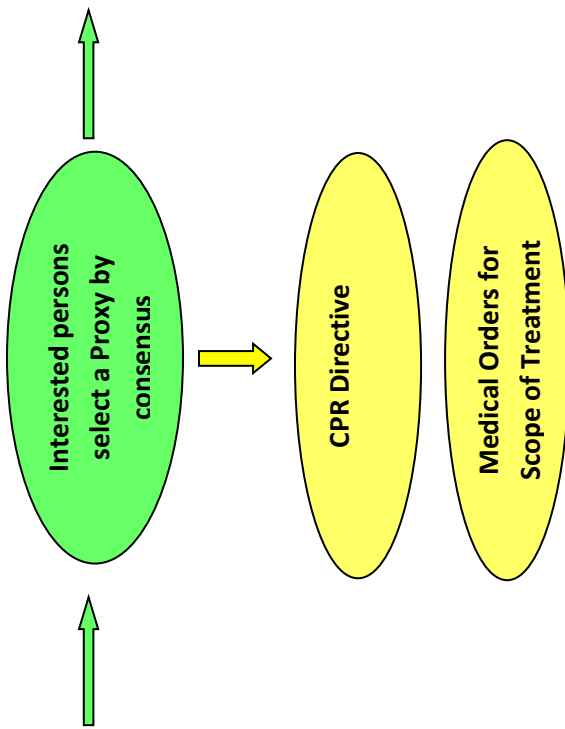
Patient is 18 or older, has capacity to make healthcare decisions, and is NOT currently seriously ill.



Have you thought about who you would want to make healthcare decisions for you if you can't?
 If you were hurt or sick and couldn't decide for yourself what medical care you would want, who would you trust to speak for you?
 MDPOA should be: Available, Willing, Informed, Backed up by alternate agent and written instructions

If you were terminally ill, and not able to make your own decisions, would you want your doctors to keep you alive with medicine or machines? What about tube feeding?
 If you were in a deep, irreversible coma – the kind that is called “persistent vegetative state,” would you want your doctors to keep you alive with medicine or machines? What about tube feeding?
 Are there other special instructions you might like to make for your care when you have a terminal illness and can't make decisions for yourself, or are in a deep, irreversible coma?

Patient is 18 or older, has NOT appointed an MDPOA, does not have capacity to make healthcare decisions, and is seriously ill or injured.



NOTE: Spouses or other “next of kin” have no automatic legal standing as healthcare decision makers in CO
 Physician determines and documents incapacity.
 Physician or designee contacts and gathers as many “interested persons” as reasonably possible.
 “Interested persons” select a Proxy decision maker by consensus. Patient must be told of the choice of Proxy and may object. Any one of the other parties may object. If consensus can't be reached, guardianship proceedings must commence.
 Physician documents Proxy selection.
 Proxy makes decisions according to known wishes of patient or, if not known, best interests. Must consult with patient (to extent possible) and group of interested persons on each decision.
 Intended for emergencies and episodes only; if patient has ongoing need for surrogate, guardianship must be sought.

