

Introduction to Advance Care Planning:

Completing any Advance Directive requires diligence, however this is especially so with the Advance Directive to Permit Natural Dying (AD-PND) and Physician's Orders to Permit Natural Dying (PO-PND) since these forms represent a person's final orders and will determine the choices for the kinds of treatments that have in the recent past been most contentious, prone to prolonged litigation, and affect loved ones deeply.

Useable versions of these forms are available only from Planning Professionals or physicians. That is why these downloadable pages have a watermark with the words, "Evaluation Copy." The forms are but one part of an integrated strategic program that includes keeping the forms secure so they will not be implemented too early. Since implementation of these forms mean the patient is ready to die, they must be completed and distributed with upmost care.

Also recommended: read ***Reasons to consider why you might choose to have your proxy/agent's authority begin immediately.***