

Medical Decision Making

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For many families, medical decision making is not an issue. The elder, their spouse, or a close family member is able to assist them with making medical decisions. This is particularly important at the end of life if there is some cognitive impairment, they will have everything covered.

There are a few situations where, unfortunately, there may not be a spouse, or children, or close family members or friends available.

What do you do in a situation like that?

There are many excellent attorneys available to set up a power of attorney for healthcare, otherwise called an advance directive, but the issue still remains, who are you going to appoint to make those medical decisions?

My office has a great history of cautiously and carefully getting involved in making medical decisions for our clients. We do this as a result of input from doctors, nurses, and care managers to make sure that the wishes of the individual are carried out all the way through their life.

Some of the decision we are a part of have to do with where the client is going to live. Many of our clients live in their own homes, others reside in elder care facilities. It is very important that your wishes, and your family member's wishes that they've expressed during their lifetime, are carried out.

Give my office a call and let's see how we can make the best possible decisions, in conjunction with all the other professionals, as to how to make these medical decisions.

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