



Guidelines for ACP Facilitators: Utilizing the *Honoring Your Wishes* Health Care Directive Translated into Spanish

People have the right to direct their health care and appoint others to make health care decisions for them if they become unable. The *Honoring Your Wishes* Health Care Directive has been translated into Spanish to provide access to persons who prefer to speak, read and write in Spanish. Please consider it a tool to assist this population with advance care planning.

Some health care institutions will only accept health care directives in English. To address this, *Honoring Your Wishes* **recommends** the following:

- 1) Provide English copies to health care institutions (some health care institutions require this)
- 2) Provide Spanish copies to families and friends

Process recommendations for ACP facilitators:

- 1) Offer the *Honoring Your Wishes Directiva del cuidado de salud* to the person to review. The person may choose to complete the document in Spanish.
- 2) A. **If you are fluent in Spanish**, assist in completing the document in Spanish and English.
B. **If you are not fluent in Spanish**, request an interpreter to assist with the facilitated discussion. You may write down the person's choices in English.
- 3) Give the health care directives to the person and offer to make copies. If you work for a health care institution, offer to give the English health care directive to medical records.

The mission of *Honoring Your Wishes: A Community-Wide Advance Care Planning Initiative* is to promote and sustain a community-wide advance care planning process where individuals' health care preferences are discussed, documented, and honored by families, friends, and the health care community.