



Yakima Valley
Memorial Hospital

Provision for Advance Directive Community Education

Purpose:

Yakima Valley Memorial Hospital Family of Services is committed to proactively providing patients/families with information to increase their knowledge around end-of-life issues to help them be better prepared and have the appropriate processes/documents in place to guide future care decisions. Memorial/FOS is also committed to providing end-of-life information to staff and providers so they have the necessary information to support/guide patients and families through the end of life.

Policy:

Memorial/FOS provides education for staff, providers and the public on a regular basis around end-of-life issues, such as Advance Directives, Five Wishes, Coping with Grief and Loss, end-of-life care, ethics, difficult conversations, funeral planning, palliative care, available community programs/services, staff roles/responsibilities in key services. Community education includes information about the public's right to make decisions about their medical care, formulating Advance Directives and receiving information about Memorial policies around end-of-life care, including Advance Directives.