

Speak Up

Start the conversation about end-of-life care

Advance Care Planning in Canada: A National Framework and Implementation



Advance Care Planning in Canada: A National Framework and Implementation is intended to raise awareness about the importance of advance care planning and to equip all Canadians – individuals, families, communities and health professionals - with the tools they need to effectively engage in the process.

Advance Care Planning

It's about conversations.
It's about decisions.
It's how we care for each other.

Advance care planning is a process of reflection and communication, a time for you to reflect on your values and wishes, and to let others know your future health and personal care preferences in the event that you become incapable of consenting to or refusing treatment or other care.

An advance care plan is more than a document outlining your wishes for care at the end of life. It's a conversation that you have with the person who will represent you – your Substitute Decision Maker - if you cannot speak for yourself. It's a way to give your loved ones the confidence to make decisions during a difficult time.

About the National Framework

Advance Care Planning in Canada: National Framework was developed to provide a model for advance care planning to guide related activity, program development, and practice across Canada. It has resulted in collaboration across Canada to engage professionals and citizens in advance care planning. It is an initiative of the Canadian Hospice Palliative Care Association under the guidance of a Task Group comprised of a number of partners:*

Advance Care Planning Tools

Along with the development of a National Framework to identify and better understand advance care planning practices in Canada, the Task Group has been working to raise awareness of advance care planning through a national campaign that includes a website, an advance care planning resource commons and the launch of a national day to remind Canadians to speak up and start the conversation.

Join us on April 16th for National Advance Care Planning Day

For more information, visit:
www.advancecareplanning.ca

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