

Leamington Mennonite Home
Long Term Care

POLICY AND PROCEDURE

CATEGORY: Nursing	SUBJECT: Care Directives	SECTION: C
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CARE DIRECTIVES

POLICY:

To ensure that the resident and/or resident representative clearly understand the directives set out in the Personal Care Decision Form which actively supports the decisions of care and treatment for the residents of the Leamington Mennonite Home. The purpose of the Care Directive form is to discuss the wishes of the resident and family prior to a health crisis; to provide comfort and maintain dignity and to provide clear guidelines for the Registered Staff and Physician involved in care.

PROCEDURE:

- It is expected that family members discuss their wishes for care with the resident to get a clear understanding of what action should be taken in the event of a health crisis.
- It is important that the Care Directives Form be completed. Upon admission, the form is explained to the resident and/or family member(s). It is very important that the Personal Care Decision form is fully understood by the resident. If the resident is unable to understand the treatment options outlined in the form, and is unable to appreciate the consequences of giving or withholding consent, a Resident Representative or Power of Attorney: Personal Care will complete the form on the resident's behalf.
- The form can be updated at any time and is reviewed annually at the resident's Multidisciplinary Care Conference. If family does not attend the Care Conference, the Registered Staff member will contact him/her to review the form. If the family or resident change their decision, the latest signed copy of the Personal Care Decision form will be the one referred to.
- Once the form is signed it is copied for Administrative Services. A copy is also attached to the transfer to hospital form in the front of each resident's chart.