

HOLY CROSS HOSPITAL
OF SILVER SPRING
PHYSICIAN CERTIFICATION
OF CONDITION

This form was not found in Israel Neustadter's record because:

1. Consent was never obtained from surrogate.
2. Patient did not even remotely meet criteria.

This Physician Certification of Condition must be completed by the attending physician and a second physician prior to obtaining consent from a surrogate to withhold or withdraw life sustaining treatment.

A) I, _____, M.D., am a physician licensed by the State of Maryland. I hereby certify that based upon my examination of this patient, _____, he/she is in:

(circle one)

- a terminal condition
- an end stage condition
- a persistent vegetative state*

(Physician's Signature)

(Date and Time)

B) I, _____, M.D., am a physician licensed by the State of Maryland. I hereby certify that based upon my examination of this patient, _____, he/she is in:

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- a terminal condition
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- a persistent vegetative state*

(Physician's Signature)

(Date and Time)

*For certifying persistent vegetative state, one of the two physicians must be a neurologist, neurosurgeon, or other physician who has special expertise in the evaluation of cognitive function.

Definitions:

"Terminal Condition" means an incurable condition caused by injury, disease, or illness which, to a reasonable degree of medical certainty, makes death imminent and from which, despite the application of life-sustaining procedures, there can be no recovery.

"End stage condition" means an advanced, progressive, irreversible condition caused by injury, disease, or illness:

- (1) that has caused severe and permanent deterioration indicated by incompetency and complete physical dependency; and
- (2) for which, to a reasonable degree of medical certainty, treatment of the irreversible condition would be medically ineffective.

"Persistent vegetative state" means a condition caused by injury, disease, or illness: a) in which a patient has suffered a loss of consciousness, exhibiting no behavior evidence of self-awareness or awareness of surroundings in a learned manner other than reflex activity of muscles and nerves for low level conditioned response; and b) from which, after the passage of a medically appropriate period of time, it can be determined, to a reasonable degree of medical certainty that there can be no recovery.