

Living Will of Homer J. Simpson

I, Homer J. Simpson, of Springfield, Arizona, willfully and voluntarily declare that if my death becomes imminent, I am in a permanent vegetative state, or I have a terminal illness or incurable condition, my dying shall not be artificially prolonged under the guidelines described below.

Guidelines for the Cessation of Life-Prolonging Procedures

IF AT ANY TIME MY MEDICAL CONDITION BECOMES IRREVERSIBLE AND TERMINAL, I DIRECT THAT:

I do not want my life to be prolonged and I do not want life-sustaining treatment, beyond comfort care, that would serve only to artificially delay the moment of my death. I wish to die naturally, with only the administration of medication or the performance of any medical procedures deemed necessary to provide me with comfort and care or to alleviate pain, even though they may shorten my remaining life.

IF AT ANY TIME MY MEDICAL CONDITION BECOMES ONE OF IRREVERSIBLE COMA OR PERSISTENT VEGETATIVE STATE, I DIRECT THAT:

I do not want my life to be prolonged and I do not want life-sustaining treatment, beyond comfort care, that would serve only to artificially delay the moment of my death. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Living Will, and without limiting any other provisions of this Living Will; if I suffer from a persistent vegetative state, I specifically refuse any treatment (including, but not limited to "life-prolonging procedures") that is not directed at alleviating specifically, and with high probability of success, the underlying condition causing the persistent vegetative state. I wish to die naturally, with only the administration of medication or the performance of any medical procedures deemed necessary to provide me with comfort and care or to alleviate pain, even though they may shorten my remaining life.

For this declaration to take effect, my attending physician plus a second, independent physician must determine that there can be no recovery from my terminal condition and that my death is imminent or that there can be no recovery from my irreversible coma or persistent vegetative state. "Life-prolonging procedures" shall include any procedure that would serve only to artificially prolong the dying process.

"Life-prolonging procedures" shall, **except as modified by my above stated desires**, include, without being limited to, nutrition and hydration administered by invasive procedures; antibiotics; respirators, pacemakers, renal dialysis, or any other mechanical devices designed to assist the functioning of organs; transfusion of blood and blood products; and in the event of cardiac or cardiopulmonary arrest, resuscitative procedures.