

# Treatment Decisions

Use the following scenarios to think about and select what life sustaining treatments you might want or want to avoid if you were unable to speak for yourself.

**I WOULD WANT LIFE-SUSTAINING TREATMENTS.**

**NOT SURE. DEPENDS ON THE CIRCUMSTANCES.**

**I DO NOT WANT LIFE-SUSTAINING TREATMENTS.**

**If I am unconscious, in a coma, or in a vegetative state and there is little or no chance of recovery.**

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Explanation (i.e., comments, clarifications):

**If I have permanent, severe brain damage that makes me unable to recognize my family or friends (ex. severe dementia).**

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Explanation (i.e., comments, clarifications):

**If I have a permanent condition where other people must help me with my daily needs (ex. eating, bathing, toileting).**

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Explanation (i.e., comments, clarifications):

**If I need to use a breathing machine and be in bed for the rest of my life.**

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Explanation (i.e., comments, clarifications):

**If I have pain or other severe symptoms that cause suffering and can't be relieved.**

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Explanation (i.e., comments, clarifications):

**If I have a condition that will make me die very soon, even with life-sustaining treatments.**

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Explanation (i.e., comments, clarifications):

## Overall...

I feel this way about most treatment scenarios for scenarios not mentioned above

**I would always want my doctor to use medical treatments to prolong my life as long as possible, no matter what my situation is.**

**THIS IS MY VIEW**

**There might be some situations in which I wouldn't want my doctor to use medical treatments to prolong my life as long as possible.**

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**There are definitely some situations in which I wouldn't want my doctor to use medical treatments to prolong my life as long as possible.**

**THIS IS MY VIEW**

**I have religious beliefs that influence my views about use of medical treatments. My beliefs are:**

**I believe in alternative medicine, such as acupuncture, herbal remedies, or other alternative practices. I want the following treatments to be considered as part of my care:**

**My spirituality is important to me and i like to express it in the following ways**