

Advanced Directives Participant Guide

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Target Audience: All surveyors in LTC, Hospital, Adult Homes, Home Care and EMS

Objectives: At the end of this presentation, participants will be able to:

- Recognize how advance directives should be properly documented
- Describe how and why advance directives are not honored
- Identify the recourse of failing to honor advance directives, including Department citations

Speaker Biography:

Michele A. Petruzzelli has been a Senior Attorney in the Department of Health's Division of Legal Affairs since 1994. She is assigned to the Bureau of House Counsel and works on advance directives, physician profiling, MOLST, pain management, office-based surgery, and various hospital issues. Ms. Petruzzelli received her J.D. (with high honors) from The George Washington University National Law Center. Prior to her employment with the Department, she was employed as an attorney in private practice in Washington, D.C., where she also worked on advance directives issues after passage of the federal Patient Self-Determination Act of 1990. Ms. Petruzzelli's prior career was in nursing. She graduated with a B.S. degree from Columbia University. She has worked as a nurse in an experimental cancer treatment unit at Columbia-Presbyterian Hospital; as a visiting nurse with the Visiting Nurse Services in New York City. In addition, she worked in a level three neonatal ICU at the University of Michigan Medical Center and the George Washington University Hospital. Ms. Petruzzelli ended her nursing career and began her career as an attorney in 1986. She maintains an inactive nurse registration with the New York State Education Department.

Useful Resources on Topic:

- Articles 29-B and 29-C of Public Health Law
- www.health.state.ny.us/professionals/patients/health_care_proxy/index.htm
- www.compassionandsupport.org
- "Wrongful Prolongation of Life?", Maxwell J. Mehlman, Esq.,
- www.thedoctorwillseeyounow.com

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