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“Helping Seniors Maintain their Quality of Life
and Protect their Legacy”

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THE FUTURE DEPENDS ON WHAT WE DO IN THE PRESENT.

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Diana Discusses...

CARE FOR YOURSELF AND YOUR LOVED ONES

"Who will make healthcare decisions for you when you cannot make them for yourself?"

"Who will pay your bills and manage your money if you cannot do that for yourself?"

"Who will apply for public benefits such as Medicaid for you if you cannot do that for yourself?"

Be aware that people who do not have legal documents in place when they become ill suffer tragic consequences.

During my years of practice as a Registered Nurse, I was required to provide CPR and other life saving measures to people which only served to prolong their pain and the natural process of dying. Things such as ventilators for breathing and tube feedings. When no documents are in place, the health care provider has no choice but to exercise all efforts to preserve life.

Family members of the ill person are unequipped and confused about what is the right thing to do when their loved one can no longer verbalize their own wishes. I have sat with individuals who were required to make decisions who still suffer guilt, anxiety, and a deep sense of remorse because they are not certain that they made the right decisions for their loved ones in the end or worse, they were not able to make decisions for their loved one because they did not have the legal authority to do so.

Financial difficulties which can be catastrophic arise when patients in need of public benefits such as Medicaid have not appointed a Power of Attorney to handle these matters for them. Sometimes life-long family hurts and feuds result when adult children or spouses do not agree on the course of care for a parent and there is no document giving authority to any of them.

Estate Planning is thought of as planning for your assets after death. Key to this planning is having legal documents prepared that appoint the person who will assist you while you are still alive. I cannot stress this enough. All too often people who neglect this aspect of their planning end up requiring Court appointed Guardians and Court proceedings to manage their care. Terri Schiavo is just one example of many.

Health Care Power of Attorney: Appoint the Person most able to make decisions in accordance with your own wishes.

Advance Directives: Give the Health Care Power of Attorney written directions as to your wishes.

Durable Power of Attorney: Appoint the Person and give them the authority to handle your financial affairs as needed while you are still alive but unable to do this yourself. This includes long-term care provisions required for Medicaid and other public benefit applications.

Do not leave these matters to chance. If you do, you and your loved ones will pay the price of the consequences.



To Be 6 Again...

A man was sitting on the edge of the bed, observing his wife, looking at herself in the mirror. Since her birthday was not far off he asked what she'd like to have for her Birthday. "I'd like to be six again", she replied, still looking in the mirror. On the morning of her Birthday, he arose early, made her a nice big bowl of Lucky Charms, and then took her to Six Flags theme park. What a day. He put her on every ride in the park; the Death Slide, the Wall of Fear, the Screaming Monster Roller Coaster, everything there was. Five hours later they staggered out of the theme park. Her head was reeling and her stomach felt upside down. He then took her to a McDonald's where he ordered her a Happy Meal with extra fries and a chocolate shake. Then it was off to a movie, popcorn, a soda pop, and her favorite candy, M&M's. What a fabulous adventure! Finally she wobbled home with her husband and collapsed into bed exhausted. He leaned over his wife with a big smile and lovingly asked, "Well Dear, what was it like being six again?" Her eyes slowly opened and her expression suddenly changed. "I meant my dress size!"



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