

# Withholding/Withdrawing of Life-Prolonging Treatment and Measures

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**Target Audience:** Physicians, Specialty Physicians, Physician Assistants, Nurses, and Residents.

**Learning Objectives:** As a result of the participation in this activity, participants should be able to:

1. Explain the doctrine of patient autonomy.
2. Define competence, often referred to as capacity, and distinguish these terms from incompetency, often referred to as incapacity.
3. Define life-prolonging procedures.
4. Determine when a patient is in a persistent vegetative state, an end-stage condition, or a terminal condition.
5. Distinguish between advance directives and decisions of legal representatives.
6. Recite the procedure for withholding/withdrawing life-prolonging procedures for competent/capacitated adults.
7. Recite the procedure for withholding/withdrawing life-prolonging procedures for incompetent/incapacitated adults.
8. Identify Florida Statutes and regulations relevant to the withholding or withdrawing of life-prolonging procedures.

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## **Bibliographic Sources:**

1. Florida Statutes Chapter 381: Patient's Bill of Rights and Responsibilities.
2. Florida Statutes Chapter 765: Health Care Advanced Directives.
3. Florida Statutes Section 766.103: Florida Medical Consent Law.
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10. Florida Statutes Chapter 743: Disability of Nonage of Minors Removed.
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