

# Health Care Power of Attorney

(North Carolina General Statutes §§ 32A-15 to 32A-27)

1. I, \_\_\_\_\_ (print or type full name), fill out this document to set forth my treatment instructions and to appoint a health-care agent in case of my incapacity.
2. I am one of Jehovah's Witnesses, and I direct that **NO TRANSFUSIONS of whole blood, red cells, white cells, platelets, or plasma** be given me under any circumstances, even if health-care providers believe that such are necessary to preserve my life. (Acts 15:28, 29) I refuse to predonate and store my blood for later infusion.
3. **Regarding end-of-life matters:** [initial one of the two choices]
  - (a) \_\_\_\_\_ I do not want my life to be prolonged if, to a reasonable degree of medical certainty, my situation is hopeless.
  - (b) \_\_\_\_\_ I want my life to be prolonged as long as possible within the limits of generally accepted medical standards, even if this means that I might be kept alive on machines for years.
4. **Regarding other health-care instructions** (such as current medications, allergies, medical problems, or any other comments about my health-care wishes), I direct that:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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5. I give no one (including my agent) any authority to disregard or override my instructions set forth herein. Family members, relatives, or friends may disagree with me, but any such disagreement does not diminish the strength or substance of my refusal of blood or other instructions.
6. Apart from the matters covered above, I appoint the person named herein as my agent to make health-care decisions for me. I give my agent full power and authority to consent to or to refuse treatment (including artificial nutrition and hydration) on my behalf, to consult with my doctors and receive copies of my medical records, and to take legal action to ensure that my wishes are honored. If my first appointed agent is unavailable, unable, or unwilling to serve, I appoint an alternate agent herein to serve with the same power and authority. By signing here, I indicate that I am mentally alert and competent, fully informed as to the contents of this document, and understand the full import of this grant of powers to my health-care agent.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature\*)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Address)

**THIS DOCUMENT MUST BE SIGNED IN THE PRESENCE OF TWO WITNESSES AND A NOTARY PUBLIC.**

**STATEMENT OF WITNESSES:** I hereby state that the principal (the person who signed above), being of sound mind, signed (or directed another to sign on the principal's behalf) the foregoing Health Care Power of Attorney in my presence, and that I am not related to the principal by blood or marriage, and I would not be entitled to any portion of the estate of the principal under any existing will or codicil of the principal or as an heir under the Intestate Succession Act, if the principal died on this date without a will. I also state that I am not

