

**The Chippewa Valley CARE Coalition presents the video:  
“CHOICES: Understanding Advance Directives and End-of-Life Issues”**

The Chippewa Valley CARE Coalition is an association of professionals from the Chippewa Valley committed to improving the care and treatment of people facing end-of-life by educating the community about choices for end-of-life care and advance care planning.

The Chippewa Valley CARE Coalition has produced an advance directive video called “Choices: Advance Care Planning” and would like to offer organizations within the Chippewa Valley a complimentary copy. Making this video was a cooperative effort among the health care agencies in the Chippewa Valley, including the three major hospitals. You may also access the video by clicking on the link on the home page.

“Choices” is not specifically directed only at those who are elderly or terminally ill, but also those who are young and healthy. As health care providers we have seen ordinarily healthy people facing circumstances in which advance care planning could have reduced agonizing family decisions. The recent case in Florida involving a comatose 39-year old woman is a vivid example.

Details of the video:

- It discusses in basic, realistic and common sense language the importance of advance care planning.
- Topics covered include an explanation of advance directives, the health care power of attorney, the do not resuscitate order, tube feeding and artificial hydration.
- Local physicians, registered nurses, chaplains and social workers whose work is touched by these issues present the video. The video is about 20 minutes in length and gives viewers a look at various health care decisions they may need to make at some point in their lives, either for themselves or for a loved one.
- It includes interviews with family members who have had to make these difficult decisions.

For organizations within the Chippewa Valley:

Members of the coalition are available to personally introduce and explain the video to your organization. We hope you join the effort to promote advance care planning with your patients and/or clients by presenting “Choices” to them. Please call 715-726-7950, (Answered by Chippewa County Extension Office) or email at [info@cvcarecoalition.com](mailto:info@cvcarecoalition.com). The video is in the public domain.

