

Recent events have stimulated a significant national dialogue on the emotional, psychological, physical and spiritual complexities that illness and death bring.

One of the most important issues to emerge has been the value of advanced care directives to ensure that loved ones and physicians know of a person's wishes should they lose the capacity to direct their own care.

But end-of-life care planning is not easy for individuals and families to discuss. And most people have unanswered medical, ethical and legal questions and concerns: What is an advanced directive? How can I be sure that my wishes will be followed? What will be expected of me if I am the decision-maker for a loved one? What legal issues impact these decisions in New York?

Please join us for an exploration of these and other concerns related to end-of-life care, as well as practical information about establishing advanced directives, living wills and health care proxies.

## Visiting Nurse Service of New York

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# HAVING YOUR SAY

## The Medical, Ethical and Legal Dimensions of Advanced Care Planning

Welcome

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5:00 PM Cocktails & Hors D'Oeuvres

6:00 PM Panel Discussion

New York Academy of Sciences  
2 East 63rd St., NYC

RSVP 212-609-1550 by June 16th (Limited Seating)  
Advance Reservation Required