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1. Which of the following are accurate statements of VA policy requirements for staff members who are responsible for providing patients with information about advance directives or assisting them with completing advance directive forms?

VHA policy requires staff to: (Circle all that apply)

- a. Explain the potential benefits of advance care planning in general
  - b. Highlight the particular benefits of appointing a health care agent
  - c. Give patients pertinent educational materials
  - d. Describe the limitations of advance directives
  - e. All of the above
2. Which of the following are accurate statements relating to advance care planning and advance directives? (Circle all that apply)
    - a. A state-authorized advance directive is an advance directive document that is legally recognized by a particular state
    - b. A living will is a legal form that states what kinds of treatments you would or wouldn't want if you become ill and can't decide for yourself
    - c. Advance Care Planning is the VA software program that can be used to complete the advance directive electronically
    - d. A Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care is a legal document used for appointing a health care agent
    - e. Revocation of an advance directive requires a written request from the patient
  3. It is especially important to discuss completing an advance directive with which of the following groups of patients? (Circle all that apply)
    - a. Patients with early dementia
    - b. Patients who lack decision-making capacity
    - c. Patients with serious mental illness
    - d. Patients with a life-limiting illness
  4. A Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care is especially important for which of the following groups of patients? (Circle all that apply)
    - a. Patients whose preferred decision-maker is at the top of the VA's surrogate priority listing
    - b. Patients who have no close family members
    - c. Patients who want their same-sex partner to be their surrogate

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- d. Married patients who were previously divorced
  - e. Patients with multiple surrogates at the same priority level in the surrogate hierarchy, for example they have three adult children
5. Which of the following are accurate statements of limitations of advance directives? (Circle all that apply)
- a. Advance directives can be unclear
  - b. Advance directives cannot predict every health care situation
  - c. Advance directives may not reflect current preferences since preferences can change over time
  - d. Advance directives are not legally binding documents
6. Which of the following are accurate statements about advance directives in VA? (Circle all that apply)
- a. All VA patients must have an advance directive
  - b. Patients may have a VA advance directive and a state-authorized advance directive that are both valid
  - c. A patient may have two VA advance directives that are both valid
  - d. VA's advance directive is legally recognized in all VA facilities
  - e. VA's advance directive is legally recognized by all non-VA facilities
  - f. VA allows patients to attach additional pages to their VA advance directive form
  - g. A mental health advance directive contains a patient's preferences for mental health care
7. Which of the following are accurate statements about documenting patient-requested advance care planning discussions and entering advance directives in the patient's record? (Circle all that apply)
- a. Facilities may develop their own note titles to document an advance care planning discussion
  - b. The "Advance Directive" note title must be used to document the entry of an advance directive document into the patient's record
  - c. The "Rescinded Advance Directive" note title must be used to document the physicians refusal of a patient's advance directive
  - d. Staff may use the iMedConsent™ program to help patients electronically complete VA Form 10-0137
  - e. The "Advance Directive Discussion" note title is used to document an advance care planning discussion

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8. Which of the following are accurate statements from VA Form 10-0137A, *Your Rights Regarding Advance Directives*? Use VA Form 10-0137A as a reference. (Circle all that apply)
- a. Advance directives are legal forms that state your preferences about future medical and mental health care
  - b. You are required to follow all medical recommendations by your VA providers
  - c. If you do not create a VA advance directive, it might affect your access to health care and other services
  - d. It is up to you to decide if you want an advance directive
  - e. You have the right to complete a Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care or a Living Will
  - f. You have the right to accept or refuse any medical treatment
9. Which of the following are accurate statements from VA Form 10-0137B, *What You Should Know About Advance Directives*? Use VA Form 10-0137B As a reference (Circle all that apply)
- a. An advance directive helps protect your right to make your own choices
  - b. A living will is a legal form that states what kinds of treatments you would or wouldn't want if you become ill and can't decide for yourself
  - c. You must complete a living will and a durable power of attorney for health care
  - d. You may change or cancel your advance directive at any time
10. Which of the following medical situations would be especially important to discuss with patients? (Circle all that apply)
- a. Coma or vegetative state with little to no chance of recovery
  - b. Migraines
  - c. Permanent, severe brain damage in which there is no recognition of family or friends, such as severe dementia
  - d. Use of a breathing machine and being permanently bed-bound
  - e. A condition that will cause death very soon, even with life-sustaining treatments