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**Adult  
Congenital  
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Association**

## Advance Care Plan Policy for ACHD Patients

*\*\*Please provide advance care plan policy for both the adult and pediatric facilities if applicable\*\**

**Date Effective:** MM/DD/YYYY

**Type of Policy:** Please indicate if this document is hospital policy or ACHD program policy/clinical guideline.

### Purpose

Indicate why this policy is in place and the population it benefits. Please make sure to reference ACHD patients specifically and not simply restate your institution's general advance care plan policy.

### Policy Statement

State the actual policy for advance care planning for ACHD patients. This statement can be a brief overview of the policy and be similar to your institution's advance care planning policies. Again, please make sure to explicitly mention ACHD patients.

### Procedures

Please describe the procedures and exact details of the advance care planning with ACHD patients. These details should include:

- Timeframe of advanced care planning and discussion with ACHD patients
- Personnel and other staff members involved in the advanced care planning discussion
- Structure of this discussion
- Required forms
- Relationship to institution's general advance care plan policy

### References

If applicable, please list any articles or other resources utilized to develop your institution's advance care plan policy for ACHD patients.

### Required Signatures

This document requires signatures from specific personnel. Please note that we require signatures from **ALL** of the individuals listed below in order for the document to be valid:

- Medical Program Director of ACHD

### Helpful Tips

We understand that most hospitals already have an advance care policy in place for their institution. For the purpose of this application, we want a separate document focused on the advance care plan and

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discussion as it relates to ACHD patients. It is acceptable to say that the advance care plan for ACHD patients aligns with your institutions' standard policies and procedures. If this is the case, please provide those details in your ACHD advance care plan policy document.

If you would like, please upload any other documentation or examples of general policies related to advance care planning in the additional files section of J Outpatient Services. It is not a requirement. Please save the document with J10 in the title so that we know which policy/procedure the uploaded document references.