



Mark your calendar for April 16, the fourth annual National Healthcare Decisions Day!

In preparation for National Healthcare Decisions Day, the New York State Office for the Aging (NYSOFA) is facilitating conference call presentations over the next three months featuring Dr. Patricia Bomba, a nationally recognized palliative care, end-of-life and elder abuse expert who designs and oversees the implementation of community projects.

Dr. Bomba is passionately focused on educating the medical community, and the public at-large with a goal of improving the quality of life for older adults and their families. She has spoken extensively regionally, statewide and nationally to professionals, community groups and Professional organizations on issues related to Advance Care Planning, MOLST, Palliative Care, Pain Management, and End-of-Life Care.

We will be facilitating **three** separate sessions. Each session will offer two dates for your scheduling convenience. **Please choose only one date per session.**

- **Session 3:** Help Patients Make Shared, Informed Medical Decisions Based on Goals for Care
- **Date:** May 4, 10:00 - 11:30 am, **OR**
- **Date:** May 5, 1:00 - 2:30 pm
- **Registration:** Please send an email indication your choice of date to, Barbara.Short@ofa.state.ny.us

What would happen if you experienced a sudden illness that prevented you from making your own medical decisions? How would you ensure that you receive the kind of care that you wanted? Would your family or loved ones know enough about what you value and believe to feel comfortable about making decisions about your care?

Dr. Bomba will review the Community Conversations on Compassionate Care (CCCC) Program, an award-winning program that combines storytelling with “Five Easy Steps” to promote conversations that help you complete your Health Care Proxy and Living Will.