

Five Wishes®



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This workshop is presented by the Whatcom End-of-Life Council (WEOLC). We embrace a compassionate, collaborative and informed approach to the end of life that respects the culture, values and individuality of the dying and their loved ones. WEOLC strives to inspire and create community-based education, dialogue and action to improve individual end-of-life experiences.

Five Wishes®, a “Living Will” Workshop

During the 2-hour interactive Five Wishes® workshop, participants explore ways to direct their own treatment should they become too ill to speak for themselves. A completed Five Wishes® booklet is recognized as a legal Advance Directive (“Living Will”) in most states. Repeats monthly.

Wednesday, July 13, 2011

5:30 – 7:30 pm

Thursday, August 18, 2011

5:30 – 7:30 pm

Monday, Sept 12, 2011

5:30 – 7:30 pm

Friday, Oct 14, 2011

1:30 – 3:30 pm

Friday, Nov 11, 2011

10 a.m. to noon

Friday, Dec 9, 2011

2 to 4 p.m.

Thursday, Jan 12, 2012

10 a.m. to noon

**Workshops are held at St. Luke’s Community Health Education Center
3333 Squalicum Parkway, Bellingham**

NO REGISTRATION. NO FEE. EVERYONE WELCOME.

Can’t attend? Here are some alternatives to help you complete an Advance Directive:

1. Five Wishes® booklets can be purchased for \$2.50 in the gift shop at PeaceHealth St. Joseph Medical Center. They are also available on-line for \$5.00 from “Aging with Dignity” (1-888-5WISHES or www.agingwithdignity.org).
2. Request a free brochure and WA State advance directive forms at any of the hospital patient registration desks.
3. Visit the WA State Medical Association end-of-life resource page at http://www.wsma.org/patient_resources/end-of-life.cfm for excellent information and downloadable forms to complete an Advance Directive on your own.