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Signature of patient or responsible party

Unable to sign
() Serious Condition
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Date Witness

Hospital Representative _____
Date

Section 1:

Did you bring an Advance Directive (Living Will/Health Care Power of Attorney) form with you?

Yes No

(If YES, place a copy in the front of the patient's chart / If NO, go to Section 2)

Section 2:

1. I was given information on formulating an Advance Directive (including how to obtain assistance with completing the Advance Directive form). _____ initials
OR

2. I do not have an Advance Directive and do not wish to formulate one. _____ initials

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Patient Label



CO0010

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80-010 (7/06)

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