



Surrogate Decision-maker Priority List

When a patient lacks decision-making capacity, the following person(s) may be the patient's surrogate decision maker for general or end-of-life healthcare decisions.



Legal Representatives (*general and end-of-life decisions*)

Only as specifically authorized by the document

Legally appointed guardian

Appointed under the Oklahoma Guardianship and Conservatorship Act

Healthcare proxy

Acting under the Oklahoma Advance Directive Act

DPOA-H

Attorney-in-fact for healthcare decisions acting under the Oklahoma Durable Power of Attorney Act



Next-of-kin in Priority List (*general decisions only*)

For patients lacking legal representatives

Patient's spouse

Adult children of patient

Parents of patient

Adult siblings

Other adult relatives of patient in kinship order

Close friend

Friends who have maintained regular contact with patient sufficient to be familiar with patient's personal values

If those within a class disagree, then a majority within that class may make a healthcare decision for the patient.