

generally relating to establishing patient care advisory committees in hospitals.

BY adding to

Article - Health - General
Section 19-370 through 19-374 to be under the new part "Part
IX. Patient Care Advisory Committees"
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1982 Volume and 1985 Supplement)

Preamble

WHEREAS, There has been rapid development of medical technology, the appropriate application of which requires careful decision making; and

WHEREAS, Doctors, patients, relatives, and the courts are being forced to make difficult choices with respect to medical treatment and care; and

WHEREAS, Difficult medical care questions arise throughout the continuum of life; and

WHEREAS, There is a need for the development and monitoring of policies to help families and care providers who face these difficult choices and a need to educate families and providers; now, therefore,

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Health - General

19-368. RESERVED.

19-369. RESERVED.

PART IX. PATIENT CARE ADVISORY COMMITTEES

19-370.

(A) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(B) "ADVICE" MEANS THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

(C) "ADVISORY COMMITTEE" MEANS A PATIENT CARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

(D) "PETITIONER" MEANS ONE OF THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING A DECISION WITH A MEDICAL CONSEQUENCE FOR A PATIENT: