

# Christian Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses



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TO ALL BODIES OF ELDERS

Re: Supporting those with medical needs

Dear Brothers:

An up-to-date listing of Hospital Liaison Committee (HLC) members is always available on [jw.org](http://jw.org). (Under the “Lookup” tab, under “Search For” select “Contacts,” then within the “Contact Search” box, go to “Category” and from the drop-down menu select “Hospital Liaison Committee,” then click “Search.” For printing click on “Expand All Details.”)

Each elder should print several copies of this list, a copy of this letter, and the attached guidelines for convenient use in case of an emergency. The congregation secretary should confirm that each elder has done this and should provide a copy for any elder without a [jw.org](http://jw.org) account. Elders should also have some contact details on their mobile device under “HLC” (please check that these are up to date). Please remember that this HLC contact list should not be copied for publishers or placed on the noticeboard.

In most cases, elders should contact the HLC directly and *only* on behalf of baptized and unbaptized publishers who request help to locate a cooperative doctor (either for themselves or for their children) or whose medical condition has led to the threat of a blood transfusion. At times, the elders may determine that it would be best for the patient or a family member to contact the HLC directly, especially in emergency situations.

Continue offering help to individuals, especially the elderly, to execute an *Advance Decision to Refuse Blood Transfusion* document and to communicate with the necessary medical personnel before scheduled treatments. Parents can continue to use the *Identity Card* for their minor children. The secretary should be sure to provide newly baptized publishers with the following materials:

1. *Advance Decision* document
2. *Instructions for Filling in the Advance Decision Document\**
3. “How Do I View Blood Fractions and Medical Procedures Involving My Own Blood?”—November 2006 *Our Kingdom Ministry* insert\*
4. “Are You Ready to Face a Faith-Challenging Medical Situation?”—March 1991 *Our Kingdom Ministry* insert\*

\*Available on [jw.org](http://jw.org) (for the inserts look under “Forms” using the search terms *kmi3/91* and *kmi11/06*)

Thank you for helping those in your congregation to plan ahead for unexpected and challenging medical situations. (Eccl. 9:11) Please accept our warm Christian love and greetings.

Your brothers,

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Attachment