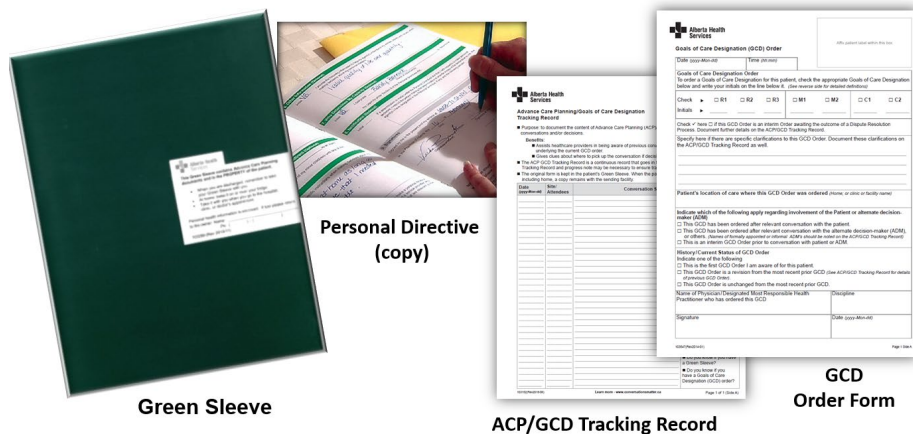


# What is a Green Sleeve?

The Green Sleeve is a Green plastic pocket that house a patients Advance Care Planning and Goals of Care document. The Green Sleeve is how this information is communicated throughout the healthcare system.

**The Green Sleeve belongs to the patient and should be given to them with originals of any completed documents such as a GCD Order Form and ACPGCD Tracking Record.**  
Make copies for your health care record.

## The Green Sleeve –“Health Passport”



Our website has a 3min educational video on the Green Sleeve (great for patients as well as healthcare providers). Here’s a direct link:

<https://myhealth.alberta.ca/Alberta/Pages/advance-care-planning-green-sleeve.aspx>



## Educate your patient about their Green Sleeve if you are providing one. Here's what they need to know:

- **Ensure Your Patient Know What's In Their Green Sleeve:**
  - **Their GCD Order:** The most current GCD Order should be the first page in the Green Sleeve. Your patient (and their family) needs to know their GCD and what it means. They also need to know that healthcare providers need to see the GCD order form in order to not R1 care in a medical emergency.
  - **An 'Advance Care Planning Tracking Record':** An updated Tracking Record with all conversation entries should be printed from SCM and included in the Green Sleeve. The tracking record has important information about GCD decisions that healthcare providers working with your patient need to know. Your patient should verify that what is documented on the Tracking Record aligns with their understanding of conversations that have taken place.
  - **Personal Directive:** If your patient has a Personal Directive, a copy of it should be in their Green Sleeve.
- **Ensure Your Patient Knows What To Do With their Green Sleeve:**
  - Your patient owns their Green Sleeve – it is their property.
  - They should take their Green Sleeve with them to medical appointments (and bring it home!).
  - If your patient's GCD is not R1, they need to know that carrying the Green Sleeve (with their GCD order form) is the only way healthcare providers can respect their wishes in a medical emergency. Without seeing the GCD order, R1 care will likely be provided in an emergency.
  - The Green Sleeve (with completed documents) should be kept on/near the fridge – if 9-1-1 is called, emergency responders know to look there.

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