

Client Name: _____

Disability Counselling Questions

- 1. Consider this hypothetical scenario. How you answer it will inform your Helpers how you wish to be treated in the case they need to make medical decisions on your behalf.**

You are outside the operating room and the doctor comes out and says: “I can help your loved one.” There are one of two procedures I can use:

The first procedure was developed at Johns Hopkins University two years ago and I trained in this procedure four months ago, I know how to do it, and if it works, your loved one will be as good as they were before this happened. However, if I use this new procedure, you need to know that 20% of the people die.

On the other hand, I have been using a more conservative procedure for the last 10 years. I've never lost a patient. I do not know anybody nationwide who has died from the procedure. However, people who have this more conservative procedure are always severely disabled afterward, what you want me to do?

Follow Up:

- How aggressively do you want treatment? _____

- What do you consider to be “disabled” in this story? _____

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2. When is a person in crisis?

Follow Up:

- What impact will the medical crisis you've described have on you?

- What types of support will you need (social, emotional, spiritual, financial)?

3. Do you have any religious or spiritual beliefs which affect your end of life decision making?

Follow Up:

- If you are religious, what might you pray for in the midst of your issue?

4. What outcome do you hope to have in the case of medical crisis?
