

# Chapter 36

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If I have a stroke and don't know who I am, I want...

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How aggressive do you want treatments to be that will prolong your life? Should you treat a urinary tract infection or pneumonia? Should you get a feeding tube if you are having trouble swallowing? You may need to live in a nursing home at this point. Is this OK with you? Perhaps your family is unable to provide the care you need in the home. Which nursing home would you choose? Would you be willing to go to an adult daycare center? If you could receive help in the home, would you be willing to allow this so that you could stay there?

Rank from most important (1) to least important (10)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Living at home          | <input type="checkbox"/> Ability to communicate         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Making my own decisions | <input type="checkbox"/> Ability to walk                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Going outside           | <input type="checkbox"/> Ability to get to the bathroom |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Socializing             | <input type="checkbox"/> Being treated with respect     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Visiting with family    | <input type="checkbox"/> Drinking liquids               |

Describe your wishes if you have a stroke and do not know who you are.

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