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AMDA Updated Statement on Stopping Eating and Drinking by Advance Directives (SED by AD)



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This article has been retired as the official policy of AMDA – The Society for Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine. Stopping eating and drinking by advance directives (SED by AD) is a complex issue that requires careful consideration of all ethical principles.¹ AMDA

encourages all practitioners to carefully consider and evaluate each request for SED by AD individually in the context of clinical and biopsychosocial factors, within the ecosystem of facility, local, state, and federal policy.

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¹ The AMA Code of Medical Ethics' Opinions on Care at the End of Life. Opinion 2.20 - Withholding or Withdrawing Life-Sustaining Medical Treatment states: "The social commitment of the physician is to sustain life and relieve suffering. Where the performance of one duty conflicts with the other, the preferences of the patient should prevail." <https://journalofethics.ama-assn.org/article/ama-code-medical-ethics-opinions-care-end-life/2013-12>