



## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY ON ADVANCE DIRECTIVES IN

## POLAND

### Used terms

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Currently, there is not specific regulation of Advance Directives in Poland. However citizens complete these documents and health professional stake them into account.

## LEGAL FRAMEWORK

There is not any particular bill regarding ADs in Poland. Polish Parliament still has not ratified the European Convention on Bioethics (Oviedo). However, it is possible to find some "indications" in the law which regulate, for instance, medical professions in Poland.

There are also some regulations related to organs transplantation (the living will regarding accepting or rather excluding to be an organ donor - [www.poltransplant.org.pl](http://www.poltransplant.org.pl) ).

Deontological codes, in particular the Code of Doctors' Ethics, contains rules regarding ADs although not explicitly wording.

- Kodeks Etyki Lekarskiej [Code of Doctor's Ethics]: [http://www.nil.org.pl/xml/nil/wladze/str\\_zl/zjazd7/ke/](http://www.nil.org.pl/xml/nil/wladze/str_zl/zjazd7/ke/)
- Ustawa o zawodach lekarza i lekarza dentysty [Bill professions of physician and dentist] <http://www.portalmed.pl/xml/prawo/medycyna/medycyna/podst/lekarz>

## GENERAL FEATURES

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Although there is no specific regulation regarding Advance Directives in Poland, they are functioning (i.e. are written in the form of living will, and are obeyed by medical staff) very well in the every-day practice, especially those which are religious-based (Jehovah's Witness).

## MORE INFORMATION ON POLAND

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