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**What concepts from class did I easily master this week? Why were they easy?**

I struggle with learning the difference between a living will, a healthcare surrogate, and healthcare power of attorney. I learned that the living will is a document that addresses wishes for life-prolonging or death care if the patient cannot do so. I can now decipher this document because I understand this document is only for patients with a terminal illness, but the living will can be canceled at any time (Marquis & Huston, 2021).

The healthcare power of attorney is the person chosen to make health care decisions for a patient who cannot make these decisions based on their current health condition. The patient makes pre-selected decisions for a power of attorney based on the patient's condition (Marquis & Huston, 2021).

The healthcare surrogate is the person responsible for caring for the patient if there are no advance directives present and the patient cannot create decisions for themselves. Decisions that the surrogate cannot make include withholding life-prolonging treatment unless a condition causes their situation to be eminent or consenting for electroconvulsive therapy, a transfer to a mental health facility, or psychotropic medications (Marquis & Huston, 2021).

These concepts were easy because the PowerPoint and the book outlined the significant differences that many other sources do not show. The PowerPoint and the book explain the difference but also more minor details that illustrate the variance.

**Reference**

Marquis, B.& Huston, C. (2021). *Leadership roles and management functions in nursing*(10<sup>th</sup> ed.). Wolters Kluwer.