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providing EMTs with life-saving information
even when you may be unable to communicate

Vial of Life Instructions:

Completing the Medical Information Form:

- When completing the medical information form, it is very important that you print all information as CLEAR AS POSSIBLE. Use additional forms for additional household members. Additional forms may be obtained from pick-up locations or downloaded from our website.
- Consult your Doctor if you need help describing your health and/or medical needs. The EMTs and emergency room staff need an accurate description of your medical needs to adequately treat you.
- It is VERY IMPORTANT that the information contained in the vial is accurate and current. Each time you alter prescriptions, it is time to update your Vial of Life Medical Information Form. Ask your pharmacy to print out your current list of medications.
- Identify whether you have a **Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) Order**, and where it is located. If you have one, and the EMTs and/or medical staff arrive on scene, and they do not have the original signed legal document in **hand, resuscitative efforts will be initiated by medical personnel.**
- You can make changes to a completed medical form if the new information can be clearly read. If you need additional medical information forms, additional forms are available at Vial of Life pick-up locations or may be downloaded from our website at www.northforkambulance.com!

Instructions for Completing Vial of Life and Placement of Vial:

- **Place the completed medical information form(s) in the Vial provided.**
- **Place the vial of life in your refrigerator on the top shelf of the door where it is clearly visible.**
 - Emergency responders are trained to look for the Vial of Life magnet on your refrigerator door and the Vial of Life on the top shelf of your refrigerator door.
- **Place the magnetic sticker provided with the Vial on the door of your refrigerator where it is clearly visible.**
 - Place the magnet near the handle of the door, and be sure that it is plainly visible. Please do not use the magnet to hold notes, grocery lists, etc.
- **Update the information on your medical information form regularly!**

The NFAA offers FREE Vial of Life Assistance, simply call 872-4303.