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ITC (Inability to Consent)

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[ITC \(Inability to Consent\) by William E Spears IV, MD at 2/3/2026 5:00 PM](#)

Physician Certificate of Inability to Consent to Healthcare Decisions

Current Date & Time:

02/03/26 - 5:00 PM

Attending: Spears, William Eugene I*

Patient: Duane Alan Evans **DOB:** 7/21/1954 **MRN:** 970077938

The Certificate documents that a Prisma Health patient is unable to consent to healthcare decisions. "Unable to consent" means the patient is either (1) unable to appreciate the nature and implications of his/her condition and proposed care; (2) unable to make a reasoned decision concerning the proposed care ; and/or (3) unable to communicate his/her decision in an unambiguous manner.

Patient Unable to Consent to Treatment

In our medical opinions, the patient is unable to consent to healthcare decisions requiring the patient's informed consent.

A. The cause and nature of the patient's inability to consent is due to basal ganglia hemorrhage

B. The extent of the patient's inability to consent is All decisions

C. The probable duration of the patient's inability to consent is For the duration of unconsciousness/unresponsiveness

The patient's attending physician will reevaluate the patient before each treatment, procedure or operation requiring informed consent (unless the inability to consent is permanent), and document that the patient remains unable to consent or that the patient has regained the ability to consent. The Social Work Department should be notified of any patient determined unable to consent, and will provide assistance in determining the appropriate Health Care Agent.

Health Care Agent(s): Wife, Elizabeth Evans

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