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The Bucks County Health Improvement Partnership (BCHIP), along with other national, state and community organizations, is leading a massive effort to highlight the importance of advance healthcare decision-making - an effort that has culminated in the formal designation of April 16th as National Healthcare Decisions Day (NHDD). Less than 20% of Pennsylvanians have an advance directive for healthcare. In a 2013 National Survey, 90% of people said talking about end of life care is important but only 27% have actually done so. BCHIP is providing information and tools for the public to talk about their wishes with family, friends and healthcare providers, and to execute written advance directives (healthcare power of attorney and living will) in accordance with PA state laws. These resources are available at <http://www.bchip.org/advance-care-planning-making-wishes-known/>.

All are welcome to join us at the following community events during the month of April:

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| Tuesday, April 10 th
11:00am – 2:00pm | St. Mary Medical Center
Cafeteria, Ground Floor (Light Refreshments Served)
1201 Langhorne – Newtown Road
Langhorne, PA 19047 |
| Wednesday, April 11 th
6:30am – 9:30am | St. Mary Medical Center
Cancer Center hallway, Ground Floor (Light Refreshments Served)
1201 Langhorne – Newtown Road
Langhorne, PA 19047 |
| Thursday, April 12 th
7:00pm – 8:30pm | Bucks County Community College
Allied Health Building, Room 203 (Light Refreshments Served)
275 Swamp Road, Newtown, PA 18940
“Being Mortal” free film screening & discussion (courtesy of Grand View Health)
Reserve your seat by calling Diane at BCHIP at 215-710-2201 |
| Friday, April 20 th
9:00am - 10:30am | Jefferson Bucks Hospital, Senior Social Event
Ground Floor Cafeteria (Light Breakfast Served)
380 N. Oxford Valley Road, Langhorne PA 19047
Reserve your seat by calling 215-710-3762 |

“As a result of National Healthcare Decisions Day, many more people in our community will have thoughtful conversations about their healthcare decisions and complete advance directives to make their choices known” said Carolyn Newsom, Community Volunteer and Advance Care Planning Facilitator at BCHIP. “Fewer families will have to struggle with making difficult healthcare decisions in the absence of guidance from the patient, and healthcare providers will be better prepared to discuss and honor patient wishes when the time comes to do so.”