



# Patient Advocates Program

## Telephone Teach-ins

We invite our Chapter Members, interested older persons, caregivers and Aging and Health Network Professionals to participate in:

### How to Plan for a Funeral & Know Your Rights

**Date:** Tuesday, January 21, 2020 **Time:** 10:00 am—11:00 am

**Speaker:** Elvira Hoffman, former President of the Funeral Consumer's Alliance of Long Island and New York City, Inc.

**Call in number:** 1-605-562-0400; **Access code:** 4715203#

If you have problems dialing into number listed above try 425-436-6260  
712-832-8330

### Session Overview

Some people have had experience helping arrange a funeral for a family member, but many folks avoid planning for their own funeral and may leave this detail to others when they pass. This session will provide valuable information for anyone interested in making sure their own funeral wishes are addressed or helping another person make plans.

#### During this session you will learn about:

- Tips for planning a funeral so that you don't have to leave this burden to others.
- How to discuss a funeral with family members or trusted friends to help them oversee your final wishes.
- Appointing an Agent to Control Disposition of Remains.
- Funeral Home Contracts- what are they and what you need to know about them.
- The costs of funeral expenses (learning about the general price).
- How to decide if you want to prepay for funeral expenses and other options for paying funeral costs.
- Choosing a Cemetery.



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**ALL TEACH-INS RUN  
FROM 10:00—11:00 AM.**

### **REMINDERS:**

Mark your calendars for our next Teach-ins:

- February 18 Community Health Centers Helping Medically Underserved Areas of New York State
- March 24 topic TBA

If you missed one of our past Teach Ins, access recordings and any session materials on our website at [www.nysenior.org](http://www.nysenior.org).

## **Caller Instructions and Other Information**

- The sessions are in presentation mode but the line will be opened for participant questions and comments after the speaker has finished their presentation.
- Materials from Teach Ins are posted on our website [www.nysenior.org](http://www.nysenior.org)
- When on our website,
  1. On the navigation bar, click on **Our Helplines**
  2. In the drop down menu, click on **Patient's Rights Helpline**
  3. Under "**Information for Hospital Patients**", click on **Telephone Teach-in**. This will take you to additional information about past Teach ins, powerpoint presentations and other important notes.

# **Call 800-333-4374 to reserve your spot!**

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**www.nysenior.org**

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