

Life is precious.

It's the most valuable possession each of us has, and leaving it unprotected would be the greatest tragedy.

The Vial of Life is intended to be your "guardian angel" on paper -- containing all your medical and religious information as well as advance directives, family and friends to be notified and other important details.

We hope you never need to depend on the Vial of Life to inform emergency medical personnel of your needs and wishes. Still, we'd like to know you have it available and completed with up-to-date information should an emergency arise -- because life is precious.

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FOR INFORMATION:

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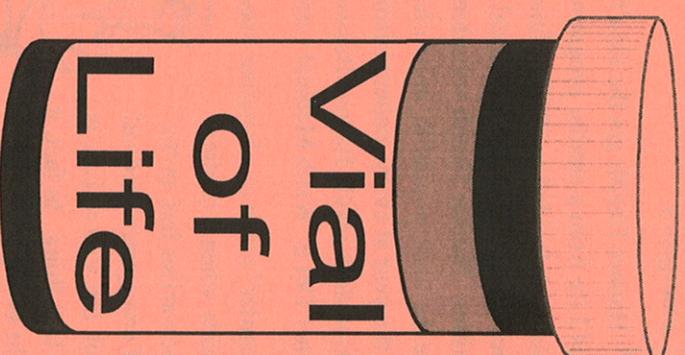
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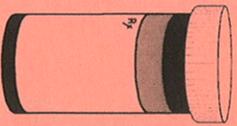
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*Our personal prescription
to protect your good health.*

The History of Vial of Life

It might not contain medication, but this particular plastic snap-top pill bottle could be just what the doctor ordered when it comes to saving your life in a medical emergency.



Banner Health got the idea for its Vial of Life from a similar program in California, and decided in 1980 to fund it for the benefit of residents in the local communities. Banner Health volunteers assemble the vials, available *at no charge* through the year at every patient/visitor information desk inside Banner Boswell and Banner Del E. Webb Medical Centers.

Your "regular" nurse or physician may not be available when a medical emergency arises but, in the hands of emergency medical personnel, the Vial of Life is the next best thing. In fact, it just might save your life someday.



Inside the vial:

Upon opening your Vial of Life, you will discover two bright red stickers and a double-sided sheet to record your (and your spouse's) medical history as well as information on your prescriptions, over-the-counter drugs, general health status, allergies, doctor, preferred hospital and more. Additionally, the form allows you to list religious affiliation, hospital preference, advance-directive information, family and friends to be notified in an emergency and pet-care preferences. It is recommended you have a Vial of Life at home and also in your vehicle, so that your important medical information is with you at all times.

Filling out the form

In order to be of the utmost assistance to medical personnel attending to your care, it is important to fill out the form with as much information as you are able. Equally important is remembering to update the form as your medications, general condition and other pertinent information change. **Even if you are not taking medications, it is vital to complete all other information as fully as possible.** New forms always are available at the Volunteer Services offices in both Banner Boswell and Banner Del E. Webb Medical Centers.

Where does the vial go?

Now that you have completed the form and

replaced it inside the vial, what's next? If the vial is intended for your home, place it in a visible location inside your refrigerator. If you are using it in your car or golf car, place it either in the glove box, console or wherever it is most visible.

Those red stickers

In the home, it is recommended that a person with a Vial of Life post one of the attention-getting red stickers at his or her front door. The second sticker should be placed on the refrigerator. In a car or golf car, one of the stickers should be posted on the left side of the steering column below the sun line, to reduce fading. (You may use the remaining sticker to replace the first when fading becomes extreme.)

Other "medical backup"

Banner Health also provides free tri-fold medical wallet cards listing much of the same information as the Vial of Life forms. These cards also may be obtained in the Volunteer Services offices at Banner Boswell and Banner Del E. Webb Medical Centers.

**Wherever you go,
may good health follow.**