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By Hon. Patricia Banks

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The Living Will as Improvisation

By Susan P. Shapiro

As hundreds of thousands of practitioners stand poised to counsel tens of millions of Americans under Medicare, it is appropriate to reflect on the legacy of advance directives and ask how physicians might best serve their patients as they anticipate life's end.

Inside the Commission

In Memoriam: Patricia D. Struck

We were shocked and saddened to learn that Commission member Patricia D. Struck had passed away on December 20th.

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