

VIAL OF L.I.F.E.

INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS

The “Vial of L.I.F.E.” program is a collaborative effort supported by Sutter Health (Marin General Hospital and Novato Community Hospital), Kaiser Permanente and the County of Marin. The program is intended to provide community members with a method to store medical information in the home.

The “Vial of L.I.F.E.” kit enables emergency responders (firefighters, police officers and paramedics) to obtain helpful information regarding a patient’s medical history. The kit includes a small plastic vial, a magnet for the refrigerator door, a sticker for the front door, a medical information form and a small piece of Velcro. By completing the medical information form and storing the vial correctly, you can provide vital life-saving information even if you are unable to speak to the emergency responders.

How to use the Vial of L.I.F.E.

1. Complete the medical information form in English. The form must be legible to be beneficial to medical personnel. Be sure to keep the information up-to-date and accurate.
2. Be sure to **sign and date** the form.
3. If available, attach a recent photograph (or photocopy of your driver’s license) to the form.
4. Place the medical information form into the vial and attach the cap.
5. Place the vial on a shelf in the door of your refrigerator.
6. Place the magnet on the outside of the refrigerator in a prominent location. If the magnet does not stick to the door, use the self adhesive Velcro strip. Place one piece on the magnet and the other on the door.
7. Place the Vial of L.I.F.E. sticker on or near your front door where it is clearly visible to emergency responders.
8. Update the form whenever your medical history or medications change. Review the form at least twice per year when you change your smoke detector batteries.

Blank forms may be obtained from your physician, local fire station, or downloaded at www.marincountyfire.org

Contact your physician or local fire station if you have any questions.

