

## Frequently asked questions:

### **What can we use your inheritance or legacy for?**

To transform Hospital del Mar [making the spaces better, more spacious, and more comfortable](#), so that they meet the needs of patients and their families.

To improve the physical and emotional well-being of users and their families through initiatives such as the support programme for cancer patients 'a [respite from cancer](#)', [music therapy](#) sessions for patients during their end of life process, or the [therapeutic garden](#) workshop for mental health patients, among other things.

To invest in [biomedical research](#) for a future with hope.

To incorporate the most cutting-edge technology for carrying out the most advanced treatments.

### **How to make a will or charitable bequest?**

By naming the Foundation as the beneficiary of a legacy or inheritance in your will, before a notary. You will have to specify the following information:

- Fundació Amics del Hospital del Mar
- CIF: G66536947
- Passeig Marítim 25-29 · 08003 Barcelona

### **How does the Friends of the Hospital del Mar Foundation know that a will has been made in its favour?**

The notary who authorises the will is obliged to notify the beneficiary organisations of their appointment, when they become aware of the death of the testator.

In any case, if you decide to include the Friends of the Hospital del Mar Foundation in your will, we ask you to let us know so that we can ensure that your last wishes are fulfilled. You can get in touch here: [amics@hospitaldelmar.org](mailto:amics@hospitaldelmar.org); 93 248 37 82.

### **What is a charitable will?**

This means including one or more non-profit organisations in your will, either by leaving a portion of your estate (will), or a specific item of property (bequest), regardless of its value and without prejudice to your legitimate heirs.

### **Why is it important to leave it in writing?**

Making a will is always advisable so that your final wishes are clear and the family's procedures are more simple and convenient. You can do it at any age.

You can also change it whenever you want, with no explanation. Making a will is a way of thinking about what we have and who will make the best use of our assets. If there are neither heirs nor a will, your goods become the property of the State.

Making a will is a cheap and simple procedure, costing around 50 euros.

### **What can be bequeathed as an inheritance or legacy?**

Whatever you want and whichever way you prefer. Ideas: cash (a percentage of the total value of your assets or a specific amount), financial assets (investment funds, shares), real estate (flats, houses, land, etc.), movable assets (works of art, furniture, jewellery, vehicles, etc.), life insurance.

### **How do you make a will?**

It is best to do this before a notary, to ensure that it is fully valid, and the wording reflects your wishes. If it is "open", you can modify or update it whenever you want. The procedure costs around 50 euros.

You can also hand write a letter (holographic will), but to make it valid, when the time comes, it is necessary to initiate a notarial process to verify your signature and confirm that this is your last will and testament.

If you have any legal questions, you can contact the Hospital del Mar legal service at: [amics@hospitaldelmar.org](mailto:amics@hospitaldelmar.org); 93 248 37 82.

### **Will I prejudice the rights of my heirs?**

If you have forced heirs (that is, those who by law are entitled to receive part of the inheritance), their rights will always be respected, by legal imperative. They receive their share of the inheritance, and you are then free to decide how to distribute the rest of your estate.

If you have no heirs, you can name the Friends of the Hospital del Mar Foundation as your universal heir.

### **Will the Foundation have to pay inheritance tax on my inheritance or legacy?**

No, because it is a non-profit organisation, it is exempt from inheritance and gift tax.

### **What does 'free disposal' mean?**

If you have legitimate heirs, you can freely dispose of one-third of your total estate. This amount is 100% in the case that you have no heirs.

### **Who is the executor?**

This is the person designated by the testator in their will to administer the property and distribute it to the heirs, according to that established in the will. The position of executor is voluntary.

