Leave your legacy through a bequest

Please consider including a gift in your will or trust to support IGCS (International Gynecologic Cancer Society) in the future. Leaving a bequest involves a few steps to ensure wishes are carried out correctly. Here are the general steps to follow:

1. **Consult with Professionals**: It is advisable to consult with an attorney, financial advisor, or estate planner. They can provide guidance on the legal and financial implications of your bequest.

2. **Draft or Update Your Will**:
    - **Include Specific Language**: Clearly state your intentions in your will. This includes specifying the organization's full legal name and address, and detailing the nature of your gift (e.g., a specific amount of money, a percentage of your estate, a particular asset). Sample language below:

    I hereby give, devise, and bequeath to the International Gynecologic Cancer Society, EIN: 75-3269205, a non-profit organization with its principal office at 9100 Shelbyville Road, Suite 200, Louisville, KY 40222 [specific amount or percentage] of my estate [or specific asset] to be used for its general purposes [or specify a particular purpose].

    - **Types of Bequests**:
      Decide on the type of bequest:
        - **Specific Bequest**: A particular item or amount of money
        - **Percentage Bequest**: A percentage of your overall estate
        - **Residual Bequest**: What remains of your estate after other bequests, debts, and expenses are paid
        - **Contingent Bequest**: A bequest that only takes effect if certain conditions are met (e.g., if another beneficiary predeceases you)

3. **Inform the Organization**: Contact Mary Eiken, Chief Executive Officer -IGCS, and inform her of your planned bequest mary.eiken@igcs.org. Provide the section that pertains to the bequest along with the contact information of the executor for record keeping purposes at IGCS.
4. **Keep Records**: Ensure that your will and related documents are kept in a safe place and that your executor and beneficiaries know where to find them.

5. **Review and Update**: Periodically review and update your will to reflect any changes in your circumstances or intentions.

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