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A major issue when doing quantum field theory on curved spacetimes is the lack of a distinguished vacuum. To any triple, consisting on a globally hyperbolic spacetime \$M\$, a Riemannian vector bundle \$E\$ and a Greenhyperbolic operator \$P\$ acting on smooth sections in E, the algebraic approach assigns an abstract \$C^*\$-algebra \$A\$. States are then defined as positive linear functionals on \$A\$ and allow for the construction of familar setting, i.e. a Hilbert space with distinguished vacuum vector and the elements of \$A\$ acting on it as observables. The task therefore is to find admissible states on \$A\$ and it turns out that the elements of a certain subclass, the guasifree states, are entirely determined by a certain bidistribution on \$M\$ called two-point-function of the state. In fact this bidistribution is a bisolution of \$Pu=0\$ and has certain symmetry- and positivity-properties. Moreover for physical reasons one demands that its wave front set satisfies the so-called Hadamard condition. In my talk I will present the construction of bidistributions complying with those requirements in the case of a formally self-adjoint wave operator.