



Advance Directives Notice

- In an ambulatory care setting where we expect to provide less invasive care to patients who are not acutely ill, admission to the surgery center indicates the patient will tolerate the procedure in this setting without difficulty. If a patient should suffer cardiac or respiratory arrest or any life threatening condition, the patient will be transferred to a more acute level of care, that is, the hospital emergency room.
- We will not honor any advance directives or living wills that do not allow resuscitation. We will transfer any patient requiring resuscitation to the hospital. The hospital can determine when to implement the advance directives or living will.
- Patients who disagree with this policy must address the issue with their attending physician prior to signing the form acknowledging an understanding of the policy regarding advance directives or living wills.
- Patients are to be informed of the policy prior to the date of admission so they have the opportunity to discuss any concerns with their attending physician and/or make arrangements for a change in admission.
- Patients have the right to have a living will or advance directives and to have them placed in their medical records at the surgery center. But, it is not required that a patient have a living will or advance directives.
- State of Pennsylvania information and forms to prepare an advance directive can be found at www.aging.state.pa.us Or by contacting the local agency for aging at 717.783.8975.