

SURGERY CENTER RULES

In 1990, Congress passed a federal law called the “Patient Self-Determination Act”, which requires all adult patients to be informed about their right to refuse or accept medical or surgical treatment and their right to execute an Advance Directives. The term advance directive stands for a document that communicates the person’s wishes as to what medical or surgical care that patient wants to receive if he/she is unable to convey those directions. These documents are known by different names in various states and may be presented to you as a “Living Will, “Healthcare Durable Power of Attorney”, or an “Advance Healthcare Directive”.

In surgery centers where patients are admitted and expected to go home after surgery there is an expectation that in the event of an emergency, all treatment available to resuscitate a person will be rendered regardless of any pre-written document with contrary instruction. Since the person has the right to these documents, we do not ask them to waive their rights or even suspend them; we only ask for the right to resuscitation while being a patient in our facility. That is the purpose of the documents enclosed.

The purpose of requesting a patients’ Advance Directive is to know his/her wishes and have them documented in the event of an occurrence where he/she may have continuation of care at another facility. In the rare event of a patient refusing to consent to resuscitative measures, the center would follow their written policy to refuse surgery and assist the patient in scheduling their surgery elsewhere.

STANDARD

An Ambulatory Surgery Center, by its nature, performs predominantly elective procedures. The Surgery Center does not provide continuing care, and the need for Advance Directives has not been established for same day elective surgery patients.

POLICY

The Surgery Center will not honor any patient or family request for a “No Code” or “DNR” for any procedure scheduled at the Center. If the patient should present with an Advance Directive (i.e., Living Will) that is to be followed in the event he/she could not make his/her wishes known concerning emergency life prolonging procedures, the following procedure will be followed.

MEDICAL MALPRACTICE COVERAGE

The patient and physician will be notified that their procedure will have to be cancelled if they are insistent on a “DNR” status. In the event of a transfer of the patient to another medical facility, the receiving facility will be notified in advance of the transfer that the patient has Advance Directives.

If the patient does not have an Advanced Directive, an informational brochure will be provided.

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