

LUTHERVILLE SURGICENTER

ADVANCE DIRECTIVE

Purpose: to ensure the Federal and State regulations and the patient's wishes are met to the best of the Center's ability, as well as, explain the Center's philosophy for advance Directive.

Policy: As an outpatient surgery center, patients receiving our services have electively chosen to have a procedure performed and are admitted with the expectation they will be returning to their home following surgery. In the event an emergency would arise, all measures necessary for resuscitation will be executed and the patient transferred to a hospital.

Patients are informed of the Center's policy upon registration. An explanation is contained in the facility consent. A copy of the Advance Directive will be placed in the patient's medical record, if a copy is available from the patient. An Advance Directive sticker will be placed on the front of the patient's medical record. The surgeon and anesthesiologist will be informed of the patient's desires prior to the start of surgery. It is the responsibility of the surgeon to speak with the patient regarding an Advance Directive prior to the start of surgery.

In the event, it is necessary to transfer a patient to a hospital, a copy of the Advance Directive, if available, shall accompany the medical record or a notation made on the transfer sheet.

Procedure:

1. Each patient will complete a check list in the surgeon's office and this will be included with all of the paper work to be sent from the office to the Center.
2. The nurse making the pre-op phone call will ask the patient if he/she has an Advance Directive.
 - a. If the patient does, they should be asked to bring a copy with them on the day of surgery.
3. Upon registration, the patient will be asked if he/she has an Advance Directive. A copy will be made and placed in the medical record.
4. If a patient requests information, they will be given a copy of the Maryland Advance Directive information. This will be documented in the patient's record as being received.
5. In the event the patient must be transferred to a hospital, a copy of the Advance Directive, if available, will be sent with the copy of the medical record. If a copy is not available, a notation will be made so the admitting hospital is aware and Advance Directive is in place.

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