

PATIENT INFORMATION on ADVANCE DIRECTIVES

This surgery center respects your rights as a patient to make informed decisions regarding care and treatment. One such right, covered by the Illinois Law on Advance Directives and DNR Orders (20 ILCS 2310-600), allows each patient to formulate an advance directive which is a written instruction about the type of health care to be provided or withheld in cases where the patient is incapacitated or, in some cases, where the patient has delegated the right to make informed decisions regarding health care services to another individual, *even though the patient is not incapacitated.*

Documents such as a living will or a durable power of attorney for healthcare or a do not resuscitate order are used to express advance directives regarding healthcare services. This AASC can provide you with a copy of Illinois advance directive forms and other information if you so request. If you already have an advance directive, that information will be noted in a prominent place on your medical record. We may also ask you for a copy of your advance directive so that it may be placed in your medical chart.

While this AASC respects your rights and will honor your wishes *to the maximum extent practicable*, we also are permitted and have a right and we are not required by Illinois Law, as a facility and/or as individual healthcare providers, to implement elements of an advance directive *on the basis of AASC-wide or individual health care staff conscience or moral objection.*

This AASC will honor your advance directives except where we, as an AASC, have an ethical and/or moral obligation to always attempt to use medical interventions to resuscitate a patient and to then transfer you to another health care provider or facility that will comply with your directive or treatment decision. Our ethical and moral belief is based in the fact that procedures being performed at this AASC are elective in nature.

Therefore, as a patient at this AASC, you will be asked to sign a waiver of that portion of any advance directive that would otherwise prevent medical interventions and treatments including resuscitation in order to intervene in cases where such intervention could save your life. Your surgeon or anesthesiologist can discuss these decisions with you or your designated healthcare representative. We will continue to honor other portions of your advance directives not covered under or addressed by our moral or ethical beliefs.

Again, your decision is entirely voluntary and we can refer you, if you wish to continue to exercise your right to refuse to waive that portion of your advance directive, to another physician and/or health care facility that would be willing to honor all of your advance directives.