



ADVANCE DIRECTIVE INFORMATION

During the admission process, the patient will be asked if he/she has an Advance Directive, Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care or Living Will and the response will be documented in the medical record. If available, a copy will be placed in his/her medical record.

Elements of an Advance Directive may be denied if the provider, in good conscience, does not feel he/she can authorize it. Since the Center performs only elective procedures, the Center will always attempt to resuscitate a patient and transfer that patient to a hospital in the event of deterioration.

If a patient indicates that they have an Advance Directive, Durable Power of Attorney for Healthcare or Living Will, the Admitting Nurse will make the patient aware of the Center's policy regarding suspension of the Advance Directive during their treatment. Patients are advised of the Center policy regarding resuscitation as part of the informed consent process.

The Center has copies of Advance Directives or Living Wills available in the event a patient or visitor requests one.

As a means of alerting staff, an "Advance Directive" alert label will be placed on the front of the patient's chart. In the event of a patient transfer or transfer of medical records from the Center to another facility, the Advance Directive/Living Will (if provided by the patient) should be included as part of the medical records sent.