

<b>Center for Spine Surgery, LLC</b>	
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Patient Rights

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Title:  
Advance Directives

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## Policy Statement

As an Accredited Ambulatory Surgery Facility, the Surgery Center is required to advise patients about the nature of **Advance Directives** and how this affects patients' care in this facility.

***While the management of this center understands the importance of patient's wishes pertaining to Advance Directives, the Governing Board has set the policy that, due to the nature of services and types of patients admitted to the center, physicians will use all measures possible to sustain life. Patients will be transferred to the nearest hospital emergency facility if the need arises.***

## Procedures

1. The pre-admission nurse will ask the patient if they have a Living Will and/or Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care and document response accordingly. The patient will be instructed to bring a copy of these documents if they exist.
2. The preadmission nurse will explain to the patient that the Surgery Center will not recognize Advance Directives for use in this setting and answer questions pertaining to this subject.
3. Each patient should read the paragraph regarding Advance Directives included in the context of the operative consent. Patients will be asked to answer the question on our form regarding whether they do or do not have an advance directive. A patient signature will be required.
4. If an emergency transfer did occur, all chart information would be copied and sent with the patient to the hospital, including the patient's information regarding Advance Directives.
5. If the patient would like information on Advance Directives, the office staff will provide them with the forms located at:

[DSAAPD Aging/Disabilities Info and Support: Advance Directives/Living Wills - Delaware Health and Social Services - State of Delaware](#)

Delaware Title 16-Chapter 25 Health-Care Decisions: <https://delcode.delaware.gov/title16/c025/index.html>