



## **Notice Regarding Advance Health Care Directives Policy**

All patients have the right to participate in their own health care decisions and to make Advance Health Care Directives and/or to appoint another person (health care agent or attorney-in-fact) to make healthcare decisions on their behalf, when they are unable to make decisions for themselves or are unable to communicate decisions. The surgery center respects and upholds those rights.

However, unlike in an acute care hospital setting, the surgery center does not routinely perform "high risk" procedures. Most procedures performed in this facility are considered to be of minimal risk. Of course, no surgery is without risk. You will discuss the specifics of your procedure with your physician who can answer your questions as to its risks, your expected recovery and care after your surgery.

**Therefore, it is our policy, regardless of the contents of any Advance Health Care Directive or instructions from a health care agent or attorney-in-fact, that if an adverse event occurs during your treatment at this facility we will initiate resuscitative and/or other stabilizing measures and transfer you to an acute care hospital for further evaluation.**

If you do not agree to this policy, we will be pleased to assist you to reschedule the procedure

If you have an Advance Health Care Directive, please bring it with you on the day of surgery. The surgery center will make a copy and add it to your medical record. If for any reason, you are transferred to an acute care hospital, a copy of your Advance Health Care Directive will be sent with you, so that your care will continue in accordance with your wishes.

You will be required to acknowledge your acceptance of this policy by signing a consent on the day of your surgery. This acknowledgment does not revoke or invalidate any current Advance Health Care Directives or Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care

You are also not required to have executed an Advance Health Care Directive to receive care at the surgery center. You may obtain additional information about executing Advance Health Care Directives upon request at the surgery center.