



Advance Directives

An "Advance Directive" is a general term that refers to your oral and/or written instructions about your future medical care, in the event that you become unable to speak for yourself. Each state regulates the use of advance directives differently. There are two types of advance directives: a living will and a medical power of attorney. If you would like a copy of the Official WV State advance directive forms, please visit www.wvendoflife.org. If you do not have access to a computer and/or the internet, please contact the offices of Day Surgery Center at (304)925-9300 to request a copy of the forms and we will be happy to send a copy to you.

DAY SURGERY CENTER'S ADVANCE DIRECTIVE POLICY:

The majority of procedures performed at Day Surgery Center are considered to be of minimal risk. Of course, no surgery is without risk. You and your surgeon will have discussed the specifics of your procedure and the risks associated with your procedure, the expected recovery and the care after your surgery.

If you have executed an advance directive, please bring a copy with you to your procedure so that a copy may be placed in your medical record.

It is the policy of Day Surgery Center, regardless of the contents of any advance directive or instructions from a health care surrogate or attorney in fact, that if an adverse event occurs during your treatment at Day Surgery Center, the personnel at Day Surgery Center will initiate resuscitative or other stabilizing measures and transfer you to a local acute care hospital for further evaluation. If you have presented Day Surgery Center with a copy of your advance directive, a copy will be sent to the hospital upon your transfer from Day Surgery Center to the hospital. At the acute care hospital, further treatment or withdrawal of treatment measures already begun will be ordered in accordance with your wishes, advance directive, or health care power of attorney.