General Information and Facility Policies on Advanced Directives and Informed Consent

- Advanced Directives are written instructions concerning your wishes about your medical treatment. These instructions are used in the event you become unable to make health care decisions for yourself.

- You are not required to have an advance directive in order to receive care or treatment or for admission to a facility.

- In Colorado the following kinds of medical directives are recognized: the “living will” (which applies in cases of terminal illness), “medical durable power or attorney” (which allows your named agent to make decisions for you if you become unable to make them) and a “CPR directive” (tells emergency and other personnel not to do CPR on you).

- Under Colorado law, family members and close friends have the right to select a substitute decision maker (Proxy) for a patient who doesn’t have an advanced directive or guardian if a doctor or a judge determines that the patient cannot make decisions.

- Centrum Surgical Center policy states; 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 this facility, we will initiate resuscitative or other stabilizing measures and transfer you to an acute care hospital for further evaluations. At the acute care hospital further treatment or withdrawal of treatment measures already begun will be ordered in accordance with your wishes, advance directives or health care power of attorney.

- You have the right to consent to or refuse any medical care and treatment, unless ordered by a court.

- Centrum Surgical Center’s informed consent states the procedure, physician, reason for the procedure, alternatives to the procedure and risks to having the procedure. It is important that you understand the information listed on the Patient Informed Consent.

- Additional information concerning advance directives and informed consents will be provided on the date of your surgery. If you have any questions concerning advanced directives or informed consent prior to your date of surgery, please contact the surgical center at 303.290.0600.