Advanced Directives

Specifically regarding advance directives, it is our policy to:

- Ask all patients if they have one.
- Provide information about care decisions to all patients. Advance directive may include living wills, durable powers of attorney, or similar documents portraying the patient’s preferences.
- If the patient says they have an advance directive or living will, The Center for Outpatient Medicine will ask the patient to bring it with them the day of surgery.
- We will copy the document and place it in the medical chart. The medical chart is to follow the patient throughout their visit.
- The patient will be required to sign a consent for resuscitation measures. The Center for Outpatient Medicine always attempts to resuscitate a patient and will transfer that patient to the hospital, if necessary. A copy for the advanced directive will be sent with the patient, if available.