



ADVANCED DIRECTIVES INFORMATION FOR PATIENTS

Policy Statement:

Elective procedures on healthy patients with positive outcomes subjects Pocono Ambulatory Surgery Center to limitations on the basis of conscience to comply totally with all parts of the Advance Directive.

Due to the nature of the procedures performed at Pocono Ambulatory Surgery Center and the admission criteria for patients, Pocono Ambulatory Surgery Center will render all medically appropriate measures to preserve life.

Statement:

Advanced Directives will be limited during the time of your procedure at our center subject to the ASC's limitations on the basis of conscience and to the degree permitted by state law. The ASC may decline to implement certain elements of an Advance Directive on the basis of the policy stated above.

We will always attempt to resuscitate a patient and transfer that patient to a hospital in the event of an emergency.

Good conscience objection is permitted by Pennsylvania Code, Title 20, Chapter 54, Section 5424.

If the patient has Advanced Directives at the time of admission, and provides a copy, the Advanced Directives copy will be placed in the patients' record. In the unlikely event that an emergency arises, and the patient would need to be transferred to Pocono Medical Center for further care, the Advanced Directives will be sent with the patients' chart.

Your right to make informed decisions presumes that you the patient, or your representative, responsible person or surrogate has been provided information about your health status, diagnosis and prognosis.

Further information regarding Advanced Directives (Living Wills) can be found at the Pennsylvania Department of Health website www.aging.state.pa.us or the Office of the Aging thru the Pennsylvania Department of Health. A copy of the brochure "*Understanding Advanced Directives for Health Care, Living Wills and Power of Attorney in Pennsylvania*" is available at the facility.