

Wilton Surgery Center, LLC

ADVANCE DIRECTIVES

Wilton Surgery Center does not follow Advance Directives. Should a complication arise during your visit with us, you will be transferred to a hospital. In the event of a hospital transfer, the information that you provide to us regarding your Advance Directive will be included among the medical records sent with you to the hospital. The hospital will abide by your wishes. Upon registration, any Advanced Directive information you provide to us will become part of your permanent medical record and will be handled in accordance with this policy.

An Advance Directive is a legal document through which you may provide directions or wishes regarding your medical care. An Advance Directive is used when you are unable to make or communicate your decisions regarding your medical treatment. Advanced Directives can take many forms and the laws regarding these forms are different in each state.

In Connecticut, there are three types of Advance Directives:

Living Will or Healthcare Instructions

- ❖ *This document provides direction regarding life sustaining procedures or treatment. It only becomes effective in the event you are unable to communicate, in a terminal condition or rendered permanently unconscious. Life sustaining systems may include respirators, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, or foods and fluids provided by artificial means, such as feeding tubes.*

DPA (Durable Power of Attorney for Healthcare Decisions)

- ❖ *A DPA is a person whom you authorize to make medical decisions regarding any aspect of your medical treatment with the exception of: withdrawal of life sustaining systems, withdrawal of food or fluids, and medical treatment designed solely to maintain your physical comfort.*

Appointed Healthcare Agent

- ❖ *A healthcare agent is a person whom you authorize in writing to convey your wishes regarding life sustaining systems. This agent does not become involved in any other healthcare treatment decisions. This person can function as “back –up” to a living will if it is unavailable and can take action in the event that your wishes are not being followed.*

You do not have to have an Advance Directive to receive medical care, or to be admitted to an ambulatory surgery center, hospital, nursing home, or other type of healthcare facility.

If you have additional questions regarding advance directives, you should discuss them with your physician and family. A social worker, patient representative or religious consult may be able to assist you, but they cannot provide you with legal advice. If you have legal questions, you should speak with an attorney.

For additional information regarding Advance Directives in Connecticut, please request to see the information on file at the surgery center and/or contact:

Office of the Attorney General

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Or visit the state website at: www.ct.gov