



Advance Directives

Advance Directives are legal documents that allow you to determine the care that you want to receive in the event you become incapacitated. There are three types of Advance Directives

- a. **Living Will:** the patient leaves written instructions on the care they want to receive. You may use a Living Will to specify your wishes about life- prolonging procedures and other end-of-life care so that your specific instructions can be read by your caregivers when you are unable to communicate your wishes.
- b. **Health Care Proxy:** the patient appoints a health care agent who makes decisions on their behalf (ex. Family or Friend). You may give this person (your agent) authority to make decisions for you in all medical situations. Thus, even in medical situations not anticipated by you, your agent can make decisions and ensure you are treated according to your wishes, values, and beliefs.
- c. **Do Not Resuscitate:** it instructs the healthcare provider not to perform CPR or life saving emergency procedures

If you would like further information on Advance Directives, please ask the medical receptionist.

Statement of Limitation: Star Surgical Suites is an Ambulatory Surgery Center that performs elective procedures in a safe and uncomplicated manner; patients are expected to have an excellent outcome. The center cannot in good conscience comply with any written decision established in an Advance Directive that would prevent the physicians and/or nursing staff from performing resuscitative measures in the event of a medical emergency. **In the event of a medical emergency, Star Surgical Suites will always attempt to resuscitate a patient and transfer that patient to a hospital in the event of deterioration as permitted by NYS § 2984.**

Select One;

- I have an Advance Directive and I HAVE provided a copy of my Advance Directives to the Center
- I have an Advance Directive but HAVE NOT provided a copy of my Advance Directives to the Center
- I do not have an Advance Directive