

In the State of Florida, you have the **right to participate in your own healthcare decisions**, including the right to choose or refuse medical treatment. This right allows you to make Advance Directives or to execute Power of Attorney that authorize others to make decisions on your behalf, based on the expressed wishes when you are unable to make or communicate decisions regarding your own health.

Advance Directives (aka Living Wills): whether oral or written, advisory or a formal statutory document, are tools that give patients of all ages and health status the opportunity to express their values, goals for care, and treatment preferences to *guide* future decisions about health care. **Advance directives** also allow patients to identify whom they want to make decisions on their behalf when they cannot do so themselves. They enable physicians and surrogates to make *good-faith* efforts to respect the patient's goals and implement the patient's preferences when the patient does not have decision-making capacity. There are three types of Advance Directives: (1) A Living Will, (2) A Health Care Surrogate Designation and (3) An Anatomical Donation.

Do Not Resuscitate (DNR): is a medical directive that means not bring someone back to life or consciousness in the event they become unresponsive. A DNR means that the patient doesn't want CPR performed in the event they stop breathing or their heart stops beating.

Baptist Medical Park Surgery Center, LLC is a free-standing Ambulatory Surgery Center; all the procedures performed are elective. The patients admitted to our facility are relatively healthier than those admitted into an acute care facility. **Baptist Medical Park Surgery Center, LLC respects and upholds your patient rights to decide.** We do not discriminate against any patient of his/her wishes about Advance Directives. It is our policy to honor the contents of your Advance Directives to the maximum extent practicable during your outpatient stay at our facility. However, we do not honor Do Not Resuscitate (DNR). In the event there is an adverse event, we will initiate resuscitative or other stabilizing measures and transfer you to an acute care hospital for further evaluation. 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.

If you wish to execute a Living Will with Advance Directives or a Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) order; you need to provide us a copy **prior to admissions.** These documents will become permanent part of your medical record and are very important in the event you are transferred to an acute care hospital for continued care.

At the time of admissions to our Facility, you will be required to sign a waiver and acknowledgement of our Policy regarding the execution of the Advanced Directives and/or DNR during your stay at our Facility. Without such Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) suspension, the procedure cannot be performed at our facility.

By your agreement to suspend your Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) till you are discharged from our care; does not revoke or invalidate any current health care directive or health care power of attorney.

If you do not have an Advanced Directive, we have available to you and/or your patient representative a copy of the Advance Directives Brochure from the State of Florida prior to Admissions. This brochure informs you of your rights under State Law to make health care decisions, including the right to accept or refuse treatment and the right to execute Advance Directives. Also, Baptist Medical Park Surgery Center has available the copies of the downloaded forms which are located at www.FloridaHealthFinder.gov upon request.