

## ADVANCED DIRECTIVES

### THE PATIENT'S RIGHT TO DECIDE

In the state of Florida, you have the right to participate in your own health care 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 in regards to your own health.

**Advance Directive:** A written or oral statement about how you want medical decisions made should you not be able make them yourself. There are three types of Advance Directives: (1) A Living Will, (2) A Health Care Surrogate Designation and (3) An Anatomical Donation.

**Baptist Medical Park Surgery Center, LLC**, is a free-standing ambulatory surgery center; all of 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 have an active Living Will with Advance Directives or a Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) order; you need to provide us a copy. These documents will become a permanent part of your medical record and are very important in the event you are transferred to an acute care hospital for continued care. If you do not have a copy, you will need to provide us information as to where it is on file, contact name and information including address and phone number(s). This will allow us to inform the acute care hospital that you have an active Living Will and where they can obtain a copy.

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.

Your agreement to suspend your Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) until 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 will provide 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 will provide copies of the downloadable forms that are located at [FloridaHealthFinder.gov](http://FloridaHealthFinder.gov) upon request.

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