

Health Care Advance Directives

Living Will and Durable Powers of Attorney for Healthcare

In New Hampshire, you have the right to let others know your wishes regarding medical care—In Advance—through the Living Will and Durable Powers of Attorney for Healthcare. You have the right to accept or refuse Medical Care.

ADVANCE DIRECTIVES- Hillside Surgery Center is an outpatient facility and procedures performed at the center are considered elective and by definition should not be performed on a patient considered to be high risk for complications. Therefore it is our policy to provide life sustaining emergency care (Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation or CPR, including defibrillation and/or chemical intervention) for all of our patients once clinical care has been initiated. We will provide emergency transport to the hospital in the event of any resuscitative or emergent efforts.

This means, if you have advanced directives they would be suspended during your care at Hillside Surgery Center. You have the right to accept or refuse these limitations and select a different facility for your choice if you do not agree with this protocol.

- **Out-of-Hospital Do-Not-Resuscitate (DNR) Order-** is a medical order by a doctor that allows patients to refuse specific life-sustaining treatments outside the hospital. It tells the health care provider not to use CPR and other life-sustaining techniques. Consequently, if you have an Out of Hospital DNR order, it will also be temporarily suspended from the initiation of clinical care through until discharge.

A federal law known as the **Patient Self-Determination Act** requires that upon admission to the facility you be asked if you have a Living Will and/or Durable Power of Attorney for Healthcare. If you have one or both documents, we want to be sure we have them on file so we could communicate this to any receiving facility in the event of an emergency. Please bring a copy with you on the day of service or mail a copy to:

If you haven't already completed one or both, the law requires that the Surgical Center provide you with information about your right to complete these documents if you choose.

If you have any questions, please discuss them with your primary care physician.

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