

## ADVANCED MEDICAL DIRECTIVES

Federal law requires us to inform you of your right to execute an advanced directive and our policy on Advanced Directives. “Advanced Directive” is a general term that refers to a person’s verbal and written instructions about future medical care, in the event that the person becomes unable to speak for him or herself. There are several types of advanced directives available in Ohio: Living Will, Health Care Power of Attorney, and Do-Not Resuscitate.

### **PSI Surgery Center, LLC’s Policy on Advanced Directives**

#### **PURPOSE:**

To provide the health care team members information to assist them in caring for patients who have Advanced Directives.

#### **POLICY:**

In an ambulatory care setting, where we expect to provide less invasive care to patients who are not acutely ill, admission to the center indicates that the patient will tolerate the procedure in the ambulatory setting without difficulty. If a patient should suffer cardiac or respiratory arrest or any life threatening condition, the patient will be transferred to a more acute level of care, that is, the hospital emergency room.

The Surgery Center respects the right of each individual patient to make decisions regarding their personal health care and will honor their choice. The Center will honor advanced directives/living wills, in accordance with the law. If a patient presents the staff with advance directives/living will that does not allow resuscitation, and desires for the Center to perform the procedure despite the provision in the patient’s advanced directive/living will, the patient must sign a waiver that allows resuscitation and authorizes the Center to transfer the patient to a more acute level of care, that is, the hospital emergency room, if resuscitation is deemed necessary by the Center. A copy of the patient’s advanced directive will be placed in their chart, so that in the event the patient is transferred, a copy of the advanced directive will be sent with them. The hospital can then determine when to implement the advanced directive/living will. If the patient does not wish to sign a waiver, the patient acknowledges and understands that the staff will arrange for the procedure to take place at a hospital facility instead of at the Center.