



Advance Directives – Our Policy

This information is provided to help our patients understand our policy regarding Advance Directives.

If you have a living will, it will not be honored at our Outpatient Center since a terminal, incurable, vegetative state is not anticipated in this outpatient setting. Medical treatment in the Center will in no way be affected if you do or do not have a Living Will and/or Health Care Power of Attorney.

“Do Not Resuscitate”

Any patient who presents to the Center for a procedure with a valid Do Not Resuscitate Order (DNR) or Out of Facility form should know that in the case of cardiac and/or respiratory arrest, 911 will be notified and basic life support will be initiated. EMS will be informed of the Do Not Resuscitate Order upon arrival.

The flyer, “Medical Care Decisions and Advance Directives - What You Should Know,” is included in your informational packet. It will provide additional information and details about Advance Directives.

If you have questions about Advance Directives or our policies relating to Advance Directives, please talk to your doctor, nurse, or any staff member at the Center. We will provide you with the necessary information. You may also call Gastroenterology Associates, P.A., at 828-328-3300 and ask for the Clinical Manager.

Additional information may be obtained from the following:

- Caring Information Organization: 1-800-658-8886 for English, or 1-877-658-8896 for other languages, or visit www.caringinfo.org
- NC DHHS Division of Aging and Adult Services: 1-800-662-8859 or www.ncdhhs.gov/aging/direct
- Carolinas End of Life Care: 1-919-807-2162 or www.carolinasendoflifecare.org

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