

Advanced Directive Policy

As a patient, you have the right to participate in your own health care decisions and to make an Advance Directive, or to execute a Power of Attorney that authorizes others to make decisions on your behalf when you are unable to make decisions, or are unable to communicate those decisions. Anderson Surgery Center respects and upholds these rights.

However, unlike in an acute care hospital setting, the Surgery Center does not routinely perform “high risk” procedures. Most procedures performed in this facility are considered minimal risk. Of course, no surgery is completely without risk. You will discuss the specifics of your procedure with your physician who will advise you about any associated risks, your expected recovery, and care after your surgery.

Therefore, it is our policy, regardless of the contents of an Advance Directive or instructions from a Health Care Surrogate or Power of Attorney, that if an adverse event occurs during your treatment at this facility, we will initiate resuscitative or other stabilizing measures and transfer you to an acute care hospital for further evaluation. The acute care hospital will order further treatment or withdrawal of treatment measures in accordance with your wishes, Advance Directive or Health Care Power of Attorney.

The 755 ILCS 35/ Illinois Living Will Act, Patient Self-Determination Act, 755 ILCS40/ Illinois Health Care Surrogate Act and 755 ILCS43/1 Mental Health Treatment Preference Declaration Act, includes information regarding Power of Attorney designation, specific instructions about any aspect of your health care whether or not you appoint an agent and what they are authorized to decide on your behalf, and end-of-life decisions can be accessed at: <http://www.dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/health-care-regulation/nursing-homes/advance-directives>

Signing the Advance Directive Notice does not invalidate any current Health Care Directive or Health Care Power of Attorney. If you do not agree with this policy, your procedure will be rescheduled at another facility.