

## **Notification of Advanced Directive and Do Not Resuscitate Policies**

### **What are advanced directives?**

Advanced directives are legal documents that provide instructions about who should oversee your medical treatment and what your end-of-life wishes are, in case you are unable to speak for yourself. Advanced directives include a Health Care Power of Attorney and a Living Will. Other documents that can be prepared ahead of time to indicate your health care preferences include a Do-Not-Resuscitate (DNR) order, organ/tissue donor registration form and the legal process of establishing adult guardianship.

All of these documents allow you to plan ahead by sharing your health care instructions with your medical team and your loved ones if you become unable, even temporarily, to make your own medical decisions. You have the right to choose your own medical care based on your values, beliefs and personal choices. Advanced directives are always optional.

### **Information on the Ambulatory Surgery Center's policies on advanced directives:**

The Cleveland Clinic Ambulatory Surgery Centers have specific policies related to Advanced Directives and Do-Not-Resuscitate (DNR) orders that may require discussion with your surgeon and anesthesia provider PRIOR to your surgery. This discussion may include the possibility of temporary suspension of any previously created documents you have relating to the provision of healthcare in the event that you become incapacitated or there is an emergency situation during your stay.

Our advanced directive policies outline that we will discuss and document any current advanced directives that you have and that if you do not have advanced directives and wish to implement, we will provide a copy of the Ohio advanced directive forms and can provide assistance with completing these documents.

Our advanced directives policies also outline that, if for some reason, the Ambulatory Surgery Center feels for any procedure that they cannot comply with your advanced directive wishes due to conscientious objection (ethical concerns), as allowed by State of Ohio law (Ohio Administrative Code- Chapter 2133) this will be discussed with you prior to your surgery.

For example, your surgeon and/or anesthesia provider might discuss with you prior to your surgery implementing a temporary suspension of a do-not-resuscitate order. In this situation, if an emergency situation arose during your care at the Ambulatory Surgery Center, we would implement appropriate life-saving measures and transfer you to a Cleveland Clinic Hospital.

**If you have Advanced Directives or DNR documents, please provide us with a copy and discuss with your attending surgeon and assigned anesthesia provider PRIOR to your surgery.**

We look forward to providing you with excellent care and hope to exceed your expectations.

Thank you for choosing Cleveland Clinic Ambulatory Surgery Centers for your care.