



POLICY ON ADVANCE HEALTH CARE DIRECTIVES AND LIVING WILLS

In an ambulatory care setting, where we expect to provide less invasive care to patients who are not acutely ill, admission to a surgery center indicates the patient will tolerate the procedure in the ambulatory setting without difficulty.

Regulation requires that Boulder OMS/La Jolla OMS notify their patients, in advance of the date or performance of surgery, that Boulder OMS/La Jolla OMS does not honor Advance Health Care Directives or Living Wills.

If you are transferred to a more acute level of care, such as a hospital emergency room and you have provided us with an Advance Health Care Directive/Living Will, it will be maintained in your permanent medical record. As well as if you request transfer to another facility, it will be sent with you along with other parts of the medical record.

If you have any concerns regarding this policy, you will have an opportunity to discuss them with your doctor and/or make arrangements for a change in admission. If you disagree with this policy, you must address the issue with your doctor prior to signing the informed consent acknowledging your understanding of our policy on Advance Health Care Directives and Living Wills.

Although, it is not required that you have an Advance Health Care Directive or Living Will, you have the right to have one and the right to have it placed in your medical record. If you need additional information on Advance Health Care Directives and Living Wills, please ask a staff member to provide you with our Advance Health Care Directives fact sheet.

We want to provide you with excellent service, including answering your questions and responding to your concerns. Therefore, if you have a question or concern about your rights or responsibilities, you can ask any of our staff to help you contact the Practice Manager at Boulder OMS/La Jolla OMS. You may also choose to contact the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Healthcare at (847)853-6060.