

**Surgery Center of Lynchburg
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ADVANCE DIRECTIVE POLICY

GENERAL INFORMATION

An advance directive is a written instruction, such as a living will or durable power of attorney for healthcare, recognized under State law, relating to the provision of healthcare when the individual who has issued the directive is incapacitated. These directives outline how a patient wishes to have physicians and nursing staff handle the patient in case there is an emergency and further action must be taken, such as attachment to a life-preserving device. The patient must have the option to determine what steps should or should not be taken in these unusual circumstances.

POLICY

Each ASC patient has the right to formulate an advance directive consistent with applicable State law and to have the ASC staff implement and comply with the Advance Directive. However, the following limitations of conscience will apply:

- a. The Surgery Center staff, including physicians and nurses, **will always attempt to resuscitate a patient and transfer that patient to a hospital in the event of deterioration.**
- b. These limitations apply to all medical conditions and procedures performed at the Surgery Center.