



SURGERY CENTER OF RENO

ADVANCED DIRECTIVES

Advanced Directives are a way for you to declare ahead of time how, and by whom, medical decisions will be made on your behalf, if the time comes when you can no longer communicate your wishes. The two most common forms of advanced directives are ***Living Wills*** and ***Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care***.

Living Wills, also known as Directives to Physicians, Declarations as to Medical/Surgical treatment or Declarations, allow you to specify ahead of time whether you want life-sustaining treatment begun or continued if you are unable to communicate your wishes.

Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care of Health Care Proxy allows you to appoint another person to act for you if you lose the ability to act for yourself.

Booklets about Advanced Directives are available in the Surgery Center of Reno at the admission desk. Just ask for one if you would like more information.

Do you have an Advanced Directives or Living Will? ___YES___NO

Do you have a copy of your Advanced Directives or Living Will with you? ___YES___NO

If yes, would you like us to put it in your chart? ___YES___NO

ADVANCED DIRECTIVE POLICY

POLICY: Although Surgery Center of Reno recognizes the need for Advanced Directives in the hospital setting, it has been determined that due to the elective nature of all our procedures, a patients existing Advanced Directive ***will not*** be followed while the patient is at Surgery Center of Reno. Full emergency procedures will be followed in response to any medical emergency. However, we will forward your Advanced Directives along with your medical records in the event that you are transferred to a hospital.

By Signing below, I acknowledge I have read and understand the above policy on Advanced Directives.

Patient Signature

Witness

Date

PATIENT LABEL