



**THE AMBULATORY
SURGERYCENTER
at St. Mary**

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Advance Directive Policy

An Advance Directive allows a person to give directions about medical care or to designate another person(s) to make medical decisions on his or her behalf if the patient should lose decision-making capacity. Advance Directives may include a living will, durable powers of attorney for health care or other similar documents indicating the patient's preference for treatment. The existence of an advanced directive, or lack thereof, will not determine the patient's access to care, treatment or services.

It is our policy to honor advance directives with patients scheduled for procedures at our Center. However, the Center will not withhold emergency care from any patient despite the existence of an advance directive or the verbal instructions of the patient. Should an untoward event happen to a patient while he or she is in the Center, it is our policy to stabilize the patient and call 911 to transport the patient to the Emergency Room at St. Mary Medical Center along with a copy of the patient's advance directive.

Information regarding advance directives and an advance directive form are available in the reception area of the Center or they can be downloaded from the Pennsylvania Department of Aging website at no cost: www.aging.state.pa.us. To request a hardcopy write or call:

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