

Advanced Directive

(Living Will)

Because the scope of care in the Empire Eye Surgery Center is limited to elective outpatient surgical procedures, any life-threatening situation that arises will be immediately treated with life-sustaining measures.

Concurrently, the emergency medical system (EMS) will be activated for emergency patient transport to a hospital facility. In accordance with the Patient Self Determination Act (PSDA), the patient's right and need to be an active participant in the decision making process regarding their care is recognized and respected. Therefore, the following procedures will be implemented relative to advance directives:

- Upon admission, you will be asked if you have an advance directive.
- Your response will be documented in your medical record.
- Another copy of the facility policy (Stated Above) regarding response to medical emergencies, including life-sustaining measures will be provided to you if you wish.
- Information regarding the Patient Self-Determination Act and advance directives will be available to you upon request.
- When information concerning advance directives is provided to you, this will be documented in the medical record.
- A copy of the advance directive, when applicable, will be placed in your medical record.
- Medical records, which contain advance directives, will be clearly identified.
- In the event of a life-threatening emergency, life-sustaining measures will be implemented immediately. Concurrently, the emergency medical system (EMS) will be activated for emergency and you will be transport to a hospital facility.
- A copy of your medical record (to include the advance directive when applicable) will be transferred to the hospital with you.