



# NOVAMED SURGERY CENTER OF TYLER

## ADVANCE NOTICE RULES

Federal guidelines require patients to be informed of certain information prior to their surgery at any Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC). This includes their medical rights and responsibilities, the policy regarding advanced directives, and financial interest/ownership by the surgeon, if any, in the ASC.

## ADVANCE DIRECTIVES

### What are advanced directives?

Advanced directives are legal documents that let you give directions about your future medical care on your behalf when you can't communicate your wishes due to incapacity or illness. There are four common types:

- **Directive to Physicians:** The Directive to Physicians is sometimes called a 'living will'. It states your wishes about withdrawing or withholding life-sustaining procedures if your condition is terminal or irreversible and death is imminent, as certified by two physicians.
- **Medical Power of Attorney:** A Medical Power of Attorney allows you to name a person you trust as the agent who is authorized to make medical decisions for you when your doctor determines that you are unable to make your own treatment decisions.
- **Out of Hospital Do-Not-Resuscitate (DNR):** An Out-of-Hospital DNR tells emergency medical professionals not to resuscitate you and allow you to die a natural death, but it does not affect treatment designed to make you more comfortable or to reduce your pain.
- **Durable Power of Attorney:** A Durable Power of Attorney gives the person named as your agent the power to make decisions about your property or finances when you are unable to do so.
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### Do you have an advanced directive?

All patients have the right to be fully informed about their treatment/procedure and the expected outcome before it is performed and to participate in their own healthcare decisions, as well as make advance directives or execute powers of attorney that authorize others to make decisions on their behalf based on the patient's expressed wishes when the patient is unable to make decisions or unable to communicate decisions. This surgery center respects and upholds those rights. However, unlike in an acute care hospital setting, the surgery center does not routinely perform high-risk procedures. Most procedures are of minimal risk, although no surgery is risk-free. Therefore, it is the surgery center's policy that if an adverse event occurs during your treatment, we will initiate resuscitative or other stabilizing measures and transfer you to a higher level-of-care facility. The law recognizes the right of competent adults to make advance directive instructions and requires the surgery center to provide patients with written information and official State forms on advance directives if the patient requests. For more information visit <http://www.hhs.texas.gov>.