

## **ADVANCE DIRECTIVE POLICY**

The Delaware Surgery Center, LLC is an outpatient surgery center where only elective procedures are performed. Therefore, we do not honor Advance Directives, and all patients are presumed as having consented to full resuscitated measures when signing the consent for surgery.

The following Advance Directive Notification Policy has been instituted by Delaware Surgery Center, in accordance with state laws and Federal ASC Regulation (42 C.F.R. 416.509(a) (2)):

- Patients are not required to have an Advance Directive; however, an inquiry will be made to patients during the preoperative anesthesia interview as to whether they have an Advance Directive.
- If the patient has an Advance Directive, a request for a copy will be made and placed on the medical record the day of surgery.
- In the event of a life threatening situation, emergency measures/resuscitation will be initiated, the patient will be treated, stabilized, and transferred to a higher level of care, as necessary.
- In the event of a hospital transfer, a copy of the patient's chart and Advance Directive will be sent with the patient.

The official State of Delaware Advance Directive form is available upon request, or can be downloaded at: [www.dhss.delaware.gov/dsaapd/advance1.html](http://www.dhss.delaware.gov/dsaapd/advance1.html)