

ADVANCE DIRECTIVE

In an ambulatory care setting, we expect to provide medical/surgical care to patients who are not acutely ill. Admission to the Center indicates that the patient will tolerate the procedure in the ambulatory setting without difficulty. If a patient should suffer from any life threatening condition, the patient will be transferred to a more acute level of care, that is, the hospital emergency room.

The Hernando Endoscopy & Surgery Center does not honor any advance directive that does not allow resuscitation. It is the policy of the Center to transfer any patient requiring resuscitation to the hospital. The hospital can determine when to implement the advance directive. If a patient brings in an advance directive the Center will file the advance directive in the patient's medical record and if applicable, will be sent with the patient upon transfer to a more acute level of care.

In the State of Florida there is no legal requirement to complete an advance directive. If you would like more information on advance directives you may request a copy of the Health Care Advance Directives publication from the Florida Agency for Health Care Administration from the Hernando Endoscopy & Surgery Center. Information and forms for advance directives for the State of Florida can be downloaded from:

<http://www.floridahealthfinder.gov/reports-guides/documents/English-Health%20Care%20Advance%20Dir.%202006.pdf>

For the Spanish version:

<http://www.floridahealthfinder.gov/reports-guides/documents/Spanish-Health%20Care%20Advance%20Directives%202006.pdf>

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