

An “Advance Directive” is a general term that refers to your instructions about your medical care in the event you become unable to voice these instructions yourself. State laws regarding Advanced Directives are found in Idaho Statutes Title 39 Chapter 45 §4501-4515. Idaho law provides for individuals to ensure that their wishes about their healthcare are carried out in the event they become incapacitated and are not able to speak for themselves. Applicable state forms can be obtained on the Idaho Secretary of State website <https://sos.idaho.gov/health-care-directive-registry-index/> and will also be provided upon request in our office.

Honoring Choices® Idaho is a resource that can will help you understand your choices and consider them in light of the values and goals important to you. It also offers guidance on how to discuss your choices with your loved ones and health care providers; as well as instructions on how to complete appropriate forms and register them with the state of Idaho. <https://honoringchoicesidaho.org/>

You have the right to informed decision making regarding your care, including information regarding Advance Directives and this facility’s policy on Advance Directives. Please bring copies of your Advance Directives with you to the surgery center.

Our ambulatory surgery center (ASC) respects the right of patients to make informed decisions regarding their care. By nature of design, ASCs are intended to provide safe procedural care services to patients who are in stable general health based on the health information made know to your physicians. Therefore, it is the policy of this surgery center on the basis of conscience, all patients undergoing procedures will be considered eligible for life-sustaining resuscitative or other stabilizing measures and transferred to a hospital in the event of deterioration.

In the absence of an applicable properly executed Advance Directive, should your health condition deteriorate during treatment at the surgery center, resuscitative or other stabilizing measures will be initiated and you will be transferred to an acute care hospital, where further treatment decisions will be made.

If you have provided to the surgery center an Advance Directives that limits or restrict resuscitative or other stabilizing measures being taken, discuss your desired treatment plan with your physician so that you can determine the appropriate setting to proceed with your care.