

	POLICY # 01.0
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SUBJECT: PATIENTS RIGHTS	MANUAL: PATIENT RIGHTS
ORGANIZATION: ATLANTA ORTHOPAEDIC INSTITUTE SURGERY CENTER	EFFECTIVE: CURRENT VERSION

01.3 ADVANCE DIRECTIVES

To ensure that patients are fully informed of the Organization’s policy regarding advance directives/living wills. Types of Advance Directives may include:

- Living will
- Durable power of attorney

Procedure:

- ATLANTA ORTHOPAEDIC INSTITUTE SURGERY CENTER is a freestanding ambulatory surgery center and inasmuch is unable to provide interpretive patient procedures that enable Medical Providers to determine anatomical function necessary to carry out the terms of most Advance Directives (also known as Living Wills or Do Not Resuscitate orders.) Inasmuch the Governing Body of ATLANTA ORTHOPAEDIC INSTITUTE SURGERY CENTER has adopted policies directing that for any patient involved in a life-threatening event, facility personnel and Medical Providers will take all measures available to resuscitate and stabilize the patient. Once stabilized, the patient, along with their Advance Directive, if any, will be transferred to an acute care hospital capable of providing adequate services and/or procedures for Medical Professionals to carry out the wishes of the patient as set forth in the provisions of the Advance Directives. You will be asked to provide your advance directive to the surgery center when you arrive on your day of service. If you do not have one, the surgery center can provide this information to you before you receive patient care services.
- If the patient chooses to seek alternative care due to the Organization’s policy, the Organization will assist with the appropriate referral for the patient.
- During the pre-admission interview, patients will be asked whether they have an executed advance directive and this information will be documented in a prominent location the medical record.
- If a patient presents with their own advance directive, the Organization will again inform patient of the Organization policy and a copy of the advance directive will be placed on the medical record for reference *in the event* that the patient is transferred to an acute care facility.
- The Organization will maintain printed information regarding advance directives to give patients upon request. Patients will be referred to their primary care physician for assistance in preparing advance directives.